

# **AHSTW Community Schools**

*Proudly serving the communities of Avoca, Hancock, Shelby, Tennant, and Walnut*

To Whom It May Concern,

Marne & Elk Horn Telephone Company (METC) has been our internet provider for the AHSTW Community school district for several years. Over the years METC has been more than just an internet provider to our district. When we were trying to purchase matching shirts to compete in a technology competition with our students, METC purchased all of the shirts through a grant opportunity they provide for the communities they server. Another instance is that they were a major donor for our school Lego League program that promotes STEM activities for students.

This spring when the situation with COVID was evolving so rapidly the district went to complete online learning. We knew there were families that were unable to pay for home internet and at that point most of the federal and state relief money wasn't available. I reached out to METC and they helped us provide internet for all of the students that needed help and lived within their coverage area.

Bandwidth requirements continue to grow for school districts. This year has been especially important to have fast and reliable internet because of all of our remote learners and teachers. METC has never had an issue meeting our bandwidth requirements and they always provide reliable internet service we know we can count on.

I have spoken to our school board, community members and countless other people about what a high regard I hold for METC. Rachel and her team do a great job of providing reliable high speed internet and being great community members.

Sincerely,



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