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## News & Updates

### Schools and Libraries E-rate Update

The FCC issued a Report and Order ([FCC 19-117](#), released 12/3/2019) to permanently extend the Category Two budget approach with some modifications. The order extends the 'test period' through Funding Year 2020 and provides a prorated portion of Category Two funding, or 20%, to all applicants for the additional year. The order also adopts a modified Category Two budget approach starting with Funding Year 2021.

[Read E-rate Overview](#)

### Governor Reynolds Delivers Condition of the State

On January 14, Governor Reynolds delivered her Condition of the State Address. She highlighted telehealth and broadband.

Broadband is not a luxury; it's critical infrastructure. From the farmer checking crop conditions to the Main Street business participating in the 24/7 marketplace, connectivity should be the expectation no matter where you live.

[Read Condition of the State](#)

### Password Tip: It Can't Happen to Me

Data breaches, ransomware, viruses, credential theft. These are all unfortunate risks associated with online activity. Hopefully you will never have to experience a security breach or hacked account. But as the saying goes...It's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when.

When a company experiences a data breach due to their lack of security there is very little that you could have done to protect yourself. BUT there is one very important thing that you should do.

DON'T USE THE SAME PASSWORD FOR EVERYTHING.

[Read Security Best Practices](#)

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### Broadband News

[VA seeing substantial growth in telehealth, key patient engagement tools](#)

['Gamer' or not, all students can benefit from gamified learning](#)

[Connected Nation Partners with EducationSuperHighway to Connect Every Classroom, Every Day](#)

[USDA Invests \\$11 Million in Broadband for Rural Minnesota and Iowa Communities](#)

[Recent school ransomware attacks highlight need for ongoing vigilance](#)

[The FCC Wants to Bring High-Speed Internet to 6 Million Rural Americans](#)

[Data Privacy Day: A Reminder to Safeguard Your Data](#)

[Knoxville Students Learn Coding During National Computer Science Week](#)

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