*A Broadband Awareness Initiative from the Iowa Communications Network*
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THE **PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY SOURCES** PROJECT

A Free, Interactive Classroom

Videoconferencing Program for grades 4-12

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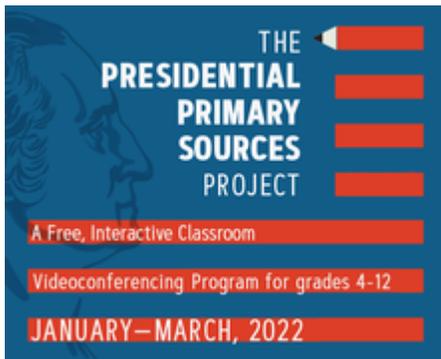
## Attention Teachers ✔️ Register now for the 2022 Presidential Primary Sources Project!

A series of free 45-minute interactive videoconferencing programs aimed at students in grades 4-12. The series begins January 18th and runs through the beginning of April. Free registration is now open.

Source: Internet2 Community Anchor Program

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## Iowa Related

### Central Iowa Broadband Internet Study and Maps
The Study included 11 counties in the region with a goal to create a framework under which governments, the public and providers can align in new and innovative ways to create solutions to address the digital divide present in Central Iowa.
Source: Greater Des Moines Partnership

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Source: Engadget

### FCC Telehealth Program Creating Real Positive Changes in Medical Care
The program has allowed more providers to open telehealth services and is creating more audio-only sessions.
Source: Broadband Breakfast

### Education

### Schools Share Strong Measures That Protect Student Data
A proliferation of digital resources has put student data at risk. Schools are taking proactive steps to guard it. #dataprivacyday
Source: EdTech: Focus on K-12

### Discovery Education Introduces Free Augmented Reality App for Students and Educators
No-cost access to an immersive learning tool using augmented and virtual reality to create

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Source: The Journal

**Government**

[Steps the Commerce Department should take to achieve the infrastructure bill's broadband goals](#)
This piece lays out eight steps for the NTIA to take to improve the odds of success in achieving Congress' goal of universal connectivity.
Source: Brookings Institution

[Defending 2022 Elections from Misinformation, Cyber Threats](#)
During a recent U.S. House hearing, experts discussed how the federal government can help state and local election officials defend election software and the looming misinformation threat.
Source: Government Technology

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The Oceanside Police Department faced a problem: It couldn't reliably share drone video feeds with the officers who needed them for critical situational awareness. But Zoom quickly changed that.
Source: Government Technology

# Cybersecurity

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Source: Security Magazine

[How to Maximize a Cybersecurity Budget in the Face of Increasing Threats](#)
Cybersecurity should focus on protecting the assets – and limiting the fallout of attacks. Effective cybersecurity relies on a combination of human talent, work processes and the right tools.
Source: Forbes

# Digital Divide

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Financing to expand broadband access across 32 states under the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund.
Source: Tech Story