

CEN Statement on Network Neutrality
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The Connecticut Education Network (CEN) is the Research and Education (R&E) network operating within the state connecting universities, colleges, public and private K-12 schools, state and local government, and open access members. CEN is Connecticut's trusted Internet provider, a member driven organization, and provides the following commentary surrounding issues as they relate to delivery of Internet service and Net Neutrality.

CEN supports the principals of 'Net Neutrality' and does not:

- Block or discriminate against any legal applications, services, content, or non-harmful device traversing the network subject to reasonable and disclosed network management.
- Throttle, impair, or degrade lawful Internet traffic based on application, service, content or non-harmful device subject to reasonable and disclosed network management.
- Interfere with or disadvantage an individual's ability to select, access, and lawfully use the Internet or make available its applications, services, or content.

CEN utilizes a number of methods to ensure the Internet performs well for our connected members and does not limit access to services and content they desire.

- CEN is governed by the Connecticut Commission for Educational Technology. This Commission is the principal educational technology advisor for state government comprised of a diverse set of state and local leaders, from both private and public sector, and are representative of CEN's connected member base.
- CEN is a member driven organization. As such, CEN maintains advisory councils co-chaired and comprised of its members to provide advice and counsel regarding services, programs, technical advancement, engagement, and outreach activities.
- CEN is a member of The Quilt, a national coalition of R&E networks with common interests and shared values. CEN utilizes The Quilt's consortia contract for Commodity Internet Service and only selects qualified vendors of carrier Internet service that provide adherence to the principals of Net Neutrality, and assurances that the full Internet is accessible, service is reliable, and prices are low.

We hope this brings clarity to CEN's position and local concerns addressing the recent roll back of federal Net Neutrality protections and impacts on access to information and services vital for Connecticut's community anchor institutions. Net Neutrality and the issues surrounding it are multifaceted and range from policy to practice, and include social, technical, legal, and economic impacts to the overall issue. CEN cannot address all of these issues, though we can ensure we deliver service equitably and fairly to all.

If there are any questions, comments or concerns on the above, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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