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DQE Communications Brings High-Speed, Fiber-Optic Network to School Districts in Western Pennsylvania

Pittsburgh, PA – March 20, 2019 – [DQE Communications \(DQE\)](#), the premier provider of high-speed, fiber-optic networking for businesses and carriers throughout Southwestern PA, Eastern OH and Northern WV, announces today that it has contracted with ARIN Intermediate Unit 28 (IU28) to provide its member school districts with high-speed internet services. The partnership will see DQE establish a purpose-built, fully owned, operated and maintained fiber-optic network across all participating schools. Set to be fully implemented in the third quarter of 2019, DQE's solution will offer significantly improved internet access for teachers and students making use of updated and emergent technologies.

ARIN Intermediate Unit provides a Regional Wide Area Network (RWAN) for schools within the Armstrong and Indiana counties of Pennsylvania. Recently, the entity's management team determined that the legacy networking solutions it relies on cannot meet the evolving bandwidth needs of ARIN and the 11 school districts and 2 technical schools it serves. In fact, today one school district in Indiana County operates on wireless networks dependent on microwave transmission. Consequently, IU28 recently ran a Request for Proposal (RFP) process that DQE participated in and won.

"Streamlining the connection of all participating schools under one network infrastructure will provide access to a reliable, fast network with increased security backed by service level agreements", says [Jim Morozzi](#), President and CEO of DQE. "Thanks to this partnership, we are expanding our network over 40 miles in Armstrong and Indiana Counties. . As a result, this will provide opportunities for regional economic development and future growth within this more rural area. Overall, we are implementing high quality, enterprise broadband where it does not exist today."

"During our RFP process, DQE clearly stood out with the best offer," says [James Wagner](#), Executive Director of IU 28. "Because DQE will wholly own and operate the network, providing each participating entity with an initial 10Gbps connection, our school districts and CTCs will finally have the freedom needed to bring educational programming, testing and collaboration fully into the digital age. Additionally, having DQE as our one point of contact for issue resolution will greatly improve the efficiency with which our ongoing needs get addressed. This partnership marks the first time in our IU's history that a vendor will own and operate the entire system. We look forward to fully implementing our new internet solution later this year."

To learn more about DQE Communications, visit the company's website at www.dqecom.com.

For more information about the ARIN IU28, view their website at www.iu28.org.

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About DQE Communications:

DQE Communications is one of the leading providers of high-speed, fiber-optic data networking for businesses and carriers throughout Southwestern PA, Eastern OH and Northern WV. The

company's fiber-optic network spans thousands of miles and over 1,900 buildings and is continually expanding. DQE Communications' services include Metro Ethernet, Wavelength, Internet, Dark Fiber, Colocation, DDoS Mitigation and a Cloud Solution. A subsidiary of Duquesne Light Holdings, DQE Communications was established in 1997 to provide businesses with secure, reliable and flexible network services. For more information, visit www.DQECOM.com or call 1-866-GO-FIBER.

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