



WE NEED THE K-12 COMMUNITY
TO HELP ASSESS AND CLOSE
THE “**HOMEWORK GAP**”, THE
MOST CRUEL PART OF THE
DIGITAL DIVIDE

DID YOU KNOW:

- Approximately 27% of Michigan K12 students do not have Internet access in their homes¹
- 368,000 homes in rural Michigan do not have access to broadband¹
- Current maps of data coverage grossly underestimate the problem
- At the FCC defined threshold of 25Mb/3Mb, it is not clear that the reported 92.26% coverage of Michigan's accurate

Fiber optic infrastructure is critical to a community's ability to thrive in the modern world. Connectivity helps alleviate the “homework gap” and promotes economic development, creates a viable workforce and has telemedicine applications.

The Michigan Moonshot aims to leverage public and private partnerships to help connect everyone in rural Michigan, regardless of geography.

The Moonshot data collection team – Merit & MSU's Quello Center- needs citizen scientists, like YOU and our community members to help us gather granular and accurate data about broadband access and availability.

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- Receive project updates
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- Volunteer your community as a pilot

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¹Michigan Broadband Roadmap [PDF]. (2018, August). Michigan Infrastructure Commission.