

DIGITAL MARIN

Education Community

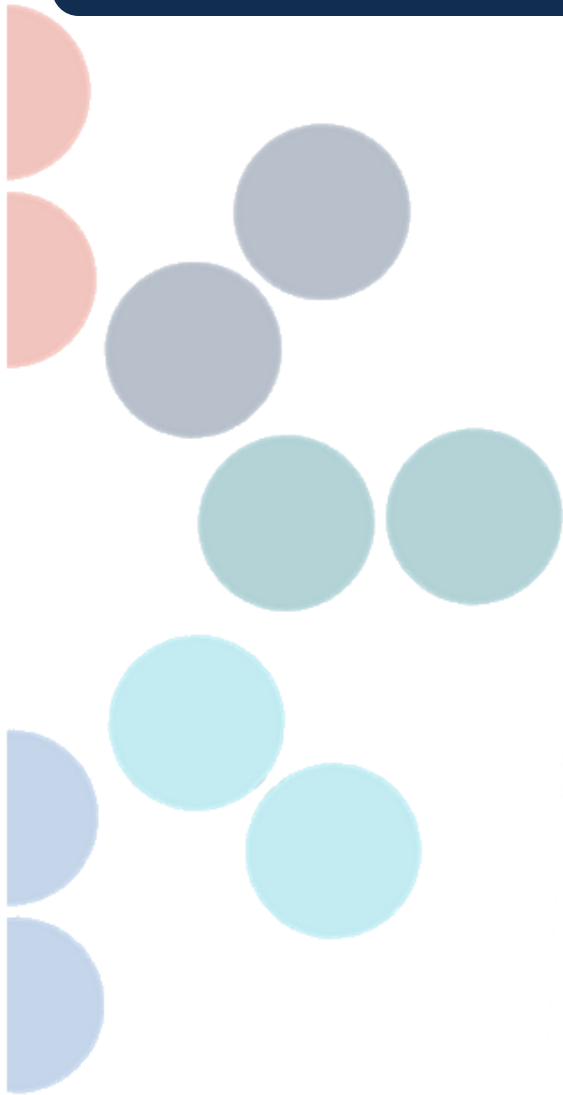
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What if everyone had...

- Reliable, affordable, and accessible high-speed internet?
- Knowledge to use it (digital literacy)?
- Devices to use it effectively?
- Access to information and online services that are easy to use and meet their needs?

How do we get there?

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- Collaboration & inclusion
 - Working “with” not “for” our communities
 - Inventory & assessment of what we have
 - Gap analysis
 - Planning & prioritizing
 - Short- & long-term initiatives
 - Funding and resources
 - Ongoing commitment & support



Digital Marin

A project to develop a digital infrastructure **strategic plan**.

To better understand the **digital needs and vision** of our residents, education, public agencies, healthcare, and business sectors to develop a **shared roadmap and vision**.

Digital infrastructure is the data, software applications, and physical infrastructure working together to provide access, information, and online services to stakeholders.



Why Digital Marin?



- COVID-19 exacerbated and highlighted deficiencies
 - Sizable populations can't get on-line for learning and other services
 - Older adults and others need access for video healthcare
- Fires and other disasters highlight the need for networks to withstand disasters
- Funding opportunities exist for digital equity and access to high-speed internet & online services
- 5 areas in Marin County are un- or under-served



Project Process

Technical

Needs Assessment



Inventory, assess, and ID Digital Infrastructure;
Note gaps; Present options and strategies based on Needs Assessment



Elected Officials and Project Sponsors



Organizing Team (5 members)



Executive Steering Committee (10 members)



Communities (7)



Stakeholders

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Communities

**Government &
Emergency
Management**

**Planning,
Transportation,
Public Works**

**Health &
Community
Based Orgs**

**IT &
Communication
Providers**

**Business &
Economic
Development**

Residents

Education



Questions

1. What are current digital needs for this school year? Are they being met?
2. How has your role evolved in the context of digital learning, especially for distance learning over the past year?
3. What is working? What challenges exist to ensure all students are accessing school daily?
4. What changes in digital needs do you foresee for the upcoming school year? Longer term?
5. What can we do to increase digital literacy?



Thank You

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