



**ALTICE USA CONNECTS MORE THAN 110 NEW JERSEY SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO RELIABLE AND FASTER BROADBAND SPEEDS THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S DIGITAL READINESS FOR LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT PROJECT**

**New York** – April 27, 2017 – Altice USA announces today that its Lightpath division has connected an additional 47 New Jersey schools and school districts to its 100 percent fiber network for high-speed broadband services. This effort is through the company's participation in a purchasing cooperative created via the New Jersey Department of Education's Digital Readiness for Learning and Assessment Project (DRLAP), bringing the total number of schools connected by Altice USA's Lightpath under the program to more than 110 over the last two years.

Altice USA is a subsidiary of Altice N.V. (Euronext: ATC, ATCB), a leading global telecommunications, media and entertainment company. Through its Lightpath, Optimum Business and Suddenlink Business branded services, Altice USA serves more than 375,000 businesses across 20 states, with a network that includes over 14,000 fiber-lit locations, more than 8,000 of which are located in the New York metro area. Altice USA's Lightpath provides managed services, powerful fiber-based voice and data offerings that deliver high speeds and connectivity at a strong value for the education market.

In 2015, DRLAP selected what is now called the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) to administer a purchasing cooperative that would make it simpler and more cost-effective for K-12 schools in New Jersey to buy broadband services. Altice USA's Lightpath is one of an exclusive set of service providers selected by the cooperative and has consistently been a top performer in connecting schools via the initiative.

Altice USA's Lightpath provides products and services that help participating schools make connectivity more ubiquitous, expand online curriculums, support distance learning, increase parental involvement and connect facilities, all while making costs easier to control. Most recently, Lightpath has worked with customers to upgrade and prepare networks for Google-based learning and application development, robotics classes and education, TV production, security camera initiatives, school gamification learning and PARCC standardized testing.

Bergen County Academies, a magnet high school in New Jersey and one of the leading high schools in the country, recently purchased services from Altice USA's Lightpath division via the cooperative. The school has deployed a combination of voice, data and private network services from Altice USA's Lightpath to advance its cloud-based learning, security and evolving curriculum initiatives. Teachers have taken advantage of the bandwidth provided by the company's 100 percent fiber network to enhance the classroom experience by incorporating multimedia elements into classrooms.

Commenting on its work with Altice USA's Lightpath and the initiative, John Cottage, system administrator for Bergen County Technical Schools said, "Thanks to DRLAP and Altice USA's Lightpath, schools have been able to significantly improve network speed and reliability, all within budget. This is a tremendous win for schools across the state."

"As residents of the communities we serve, Altice USA sees firsthand the power that fiber-based broadband connectivity has to take education to new heights," said Kevin Stephens, EVP, Altice USA Business. "We are proud to play a central role in New Jersey's important DRLAP initiative and applaud the State's continued support of the program. Altice USA's Lightpath division remains committed to bringing its 100 percent fiber network to New Jersey schools and look forward to our continued work with the State and ESCNJ."

**About Altice USA**

Altice USA, a subsidiary of Altice Group (Euronext: ATC, ATCB), is the fourth largest cable operator in the United States, delivering residential and business services to 4.6 million customers across 20 states. Providing high-quality products that keep customers connected, Altice USA (through its Optimum, Lightpath and Suddenlink brands) offers digital cable television, high-speed Internet, voice, WiFi and advertising services. To meet our customers' content and information needs, the company through News 12 also offers hyper-local news and programming created specifically for the communities we serve in the tri-state area. For more information, visit [www.alticeusa.com](http://www.alticeusa.com).

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