Due to COVID-19 school facility closures, 50 million K-12 public school students have had to learn remotely from home.

15 MILLION TO 16 MILLION (~30%) of these students lack adequate internet or devices to sustain effective distance learning at home.

9 MILLION of these students lack both adequate internet and devices.

The digital divide is a major problem across all 50 states.

- **% of students without adequate connectivity**
  - **by geography**
    - Urban: 21%
    - Suburban: 25%
    - Rural: 37%
  - **by race/ethnicity**
    - White: 18%
    - Latinx: 26%
    - Black: 30%
    - Native American: 35%

Even in states with the smallest divides, ~1 IN 4 STUDENTS still lack adequate internet.

For states with the largest divides, -HALF OF STUDENTS lack adequate internet.

Furthermore, up to 400,000 TEACHERS can’t teach because of lack of internet.

Nearly all students in the US are expected to be learning remotely in the Fall; the digital divide will prevent many students from accessing the education they deserve.

Where do we go from here? How do we close the digital learning divide once and for all?

Closing the student digital divide will require action from Congress to invest $6 billion to $11 billion in the first year, and an additional $1B for teachers.