

**Nittany Media, Inc
18 Juniata Street
Lewistown , PA 17044**

Dear Nittany Media,

On behalf of the our students and staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and all your staff for the many assets and talents you have shared with the Juniata County School District. While there is much on our part for us to be thankful, I will attempt to list some specific benefits.

First, we have a closed circuit television system at Juniata High School which has been the beneficiary of Nittany Media's expertise and material. This is used by senior speech students to produce a daily morning announcements program which is shown throughout the building.

Second, we have and continue to enjoy a relationship in which Nittany Media broadcasts to the public various district events in our schools. These activities include monthly school board meetings, sporting events, music concerts, and graduation ceremonies at both East Juniata and Juniata High Schools . This is a great public service to the school district and to the general population of Juniata County .

Third, and perhaps the most significant of the list is the providing of the infrastructure for the wide area network. Nittany Media, Inc. uses their cable systems to connect eleven of the twelve schools of the Juniata County School District . This system has enabled the district to provide many innovative and practical tools for the educational system. Among these are Internet access for research in libraries and computer labs. Every classroom in the district has at least one computer which is connected to the Internet. Teachers now use an in house, on-line grading system called LetterGrade to log attendance and student grades. Parents and students log on to this web based system to monitor the attendance and academic progress. Office personnel are sending supply orders and other information electronically to the district office. A point-of-sale system in the cafeterias has been installed. Most recently, IP video equipment has been placed in three of our schools and is used for distance learning and professional development activities.

What began over six years ago as a few connections in a few schools has grown into an elaborate network connecting all classrooms, offices, cafeterias, libraries, labs, and auditoriums in eleven of our twelve schools. Daily, well over 400 separate computers connect to the network for education, support, and management of the school system. All this time, this wide area network has been provided free of charge to the students and staff of the Juniata County School District . To say that this is greatly appreciated is a bit of an understatement. We hope that this relationship will continue for years to come.

**Sincerely,
Samuel J. Leister
Director of Technology
Juniata County School District**