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## BEEMS students receive free laptops to celebrate internet expansion project



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Comcast and the Town of Bolton Development Corporation recently surprised all kindergarten through eighth grade students at Bolton-Edwards Elementary/Middle School (BEEMS) with free laptops. The laptop donation was made in coordination with a celebration of the completion of Comcast's broadband expansion project in Bolton and Edwards, a network buildout that reaches more than 1,700 homes and businesses.

Congressman Bennie G. Thompson, Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves, and Hinds County School District Superintendent Dr. Robert Sanders joined Comcast, the Town of Bolton Development Corporation, and other local and state leaders to celebrate.

"Comcast is a vital partner in bridging the digital divide in our communities," said Congressman Thompson. "This broadband expansion and laptop donation is a gamechanger for the residents and businesses in

Bolton and Edwards, and I'm confident this will have a meaningful long-term impact and greatly improve the quality of life in my community."

"Comcast maintains an unwavering commitment to address the barriers to broadband adoption across the communities we serve," said Jason Gumbs, regional senior vice president at Comcast.

The expansion also provides families access to Comcast's Internet Essentials program, which provides low-cost broadband service for \$9.95 a month, digital literacy training and discounted computers. When combined with the Federal Government's Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) and Xfinity Mobile, this combination allows income-constrained families to have free or low-cost home internet and mobile data plans.

Local businesses in Bolton and Edwards will now have access to a full suite of Comcast Business Internet, voice and video services. Residential customers will have access to Xfinity services, including Xfinity Mobile, Xfinity Internet, Xfinity X1 and Xfinity Home.

## St. Mary's extends invitation to annual Homecoming

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The public is invited to join St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Bolton for their annual Homecoming on September 10 at 3 p.m. Rev. Haily Allin will be the Celebrant, and Harvey Smith and Charlie Carlisle will serve as Lay Readers.

The service will be a Jazz Eucharist, featuring the Tyler Kemp Trio and Allison Jenkins, soloist.

For those who cannot attend, the service will be live streamed at [www.facebook.com/SecondSundayStMarysBolton](http://www.facebook.com/SecondSundayStMarysBolton).

St. Mary's Episcopal Church is located at 209 East Madison Street in Bolton.



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