**Do Not Cut E-Rate Category 2 Funds**

E-Rate’s investment in Category 2 Wi-Fi and internal connections funding is extremely valuable and could not be replaced by school, district or state funds. Groesbeck ISD has already purchased switches and wireless access points to update our aging technology infrastructure with these Category 2 funds. The wireless access points added to campuses have greatly improved connectivity within classrooms.

I do wish the Category 2 funding could be used district-wide rather than campus specific. Most of our technology infrastructure, routers and switches, reside on one campus and is shared with the other campuses. Since the budgets are allocated by campus and not district-wide, we find that the funding is more that adequate for some campuses and not enough for others. With this said, we plan on using more of our e-rate Category 2 funds to improve connectivity.

Without e-rate Category 2 funding, Groesbeck ISD cannot afford the Wi-Fi and internal connections that provide the needed technology to our teachers and students. Please do not cut these funds.

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