



October 20, 2017

In the Matter of:

Wireline Competition Bureau Seeking Comments on E-Rate Category Two

WC Docket No. 13-184

The Elmwood Park Public Library would like to provide input on the impact of having access to secure and sufficient funding for our library Wi-Fi and internal connections.

Our community turns to the library to use our Wi-Fi on their tablets, laptops, smartphones and other devices. Library users are downloading job applications, applying for financial aid, seeking health information, and communicating with family – all depending on a strong Wi-Fi signal. Our library also increasingly provides services and infrastructure that depends on Wi-Fi, like computer classes taught on laptops, and wireless printing. Wi-Fi is even supplanting cabled networking in some aspects of our building's IT infrastructure. Wi-Fi throughout the library as well as advanced networking equipment to facilitate internal connections is beyond important; it's indispensable.

We implore the FCC to maintain its commitment to category two e-rate funding in addition to category one e-rate funding. Elmwood Park Public Library needs the support and we enjoy giving our patrons a return on the investment they make each time they pay their Universal Service charge.

Please maintain secure funding through the full five-year budget period as adopted during the 2014 Modernization. Our community depends on that funding.

Sincerely,

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Technology Librarian