

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
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Newman Central Catholic School) CC Docket No. 02-6
In the Schools and Libraries Program)

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF 471 APPLICATION DEADLINE

Newman Central Catholic School, BEN 71403

470: 190029741

471: 191041803, 191041802

FRN #1999076675: Internet Access, Bundled Cable
#1999076677: Internal Connections, Access Points
#1999076676: Internal Connections, Switches

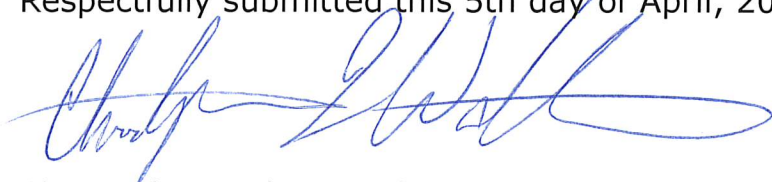
Newman Central Catholic, a small, rural school district in north-western IL (40% E-rate discount), respectfully requests a waiver of the 2019-20 Form 471 application deadline. It has been several years since our district participated in the program, and we have a new staff member that attended E-Rate support services workshops offered by the Illinois State Board of Education this year. Due to the change in staffing and general program awareness, our 470 was filed on March 7, 2019. In order to respect the 28-day bidding requirement of the program we selected our providers and filed the 471 forms as soon as the program allowed.

Newman Central Catholic was hoping to negotiate a new contract for internet access with one of the vendors when the window closed on Wednesday,

March 27, 2019. Newman Central Catholic had no responses to the posted 470 and was unable to negotiate a contract, but did secure an agreement for continued service from a local provider. The documentation from Comcast was received and agreed to on Friday, April 5. Newman Central Catholic also secured bids for category two internal connections for much-needed switches and wireless access points for the district. These bids were evaluated and also selected on April 5.

Only after the window, and prompting from our State E-rate Coordinator, Melinda Fiscus, Newman Central Catholic then submitted in the EPC portal, within the 14-day grace period. We are filing this request today because we are unsure of when we will receive an actual OOW – Out Of Window Letter. Thank you so very much for your support in granting this request for waiver of the filing deadline of March 27, 2019. We look forward to another year of service and support from the E-Rate program.

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of April, 2019,



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