

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)	
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Petition for Waiver of)	
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline)	
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Explore Academy)	CC Docket No. 02-6
(Explore Academy District, BEN 16080774)	
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Schools and Libraries Universal Service)	
Support Mechanism)	

**Petition for Waiver of
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2018
RE: FCC Form 471 191041959**

I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The Explore Academy School District (“Explore Academy District”) currently serves grades 6, 7, and 9-12, with plans to include grade 8 next year (we launched 6th and 7th grade this year). Since 2014, Explore Academy District has been progressively growing, due in part to the aid of the E-Rate program and the quality internet service it makes possible.

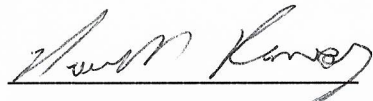
The Explore Academy District submitted and certified their Funding Year 2019 FCC Form 471, #191041959, in the “Apply Online” portal of the Schools and Libraries Division (“SLD”) of the Universal Service Administrative Company’s (“USAC”) website, on 4/9/2019, just 14 days after the FCC Form 471 filing deadline of 2019 Form 471 filing deadline.

A staff member of Explore Academy District works E-Rate into his already busy work schedule, and is the sole staff member performing E-Rate duties. The filing window came amidst online standardized testing, recently modified by New Mexico Public Education Department, and made complicated by the recent and significant growth of the school, shifting focus away from E-Rate responsibilities.

II. Request

The Explore Academy District respectfully petitions the Commission to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2019 FCC Form 471 filing deadline on behalf of the Explore Academy District to allow the Out of Window submission of their E-Rate Funding Year 2019 FCC Form 471 191041959, due to previously mentioned time constraints.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Newell Ramsey", is written over a horizontal line.

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