

April 17, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is a request to extend our 471 window for year 2018 for the ERATE.

I am a technology coordinator for Warren-Alvarado-Oslo since 2008. As technology coordinator you tend to wear many hats in a smaller rural school district. Not only do I take care of all technological devices in the school district but I also teach preschool through fifth grade computer classes, coach cheerleading and am in charge of prom.

Back in September of 2017, I was diagnosed with systemic lupus erythematosus. Systemic lupus erythematosus can affect many parts of a person's body, including kidneys, heart, lungs, brain, blood and skin. As a result of the recent diagnosis, I have missed work for various doctor appointments, extreme exhaustion and have not been feeling well enough to perform day-to-day duties. Thus, causing me to miss the filing of the Erate in the windows given.

Under the advisement of Mark at the FCC, he recommended I submit another waiver due to the fact that I was under the impression my form 471 #181031323 – 471/18 was completed due to the status of **"accepted"** (see attached image). It is very misleading to see that my form 471 had been "accepted" when in fact on April 17, 2018 during a conversation with Mark at the FCC in Washington, it had not and it was not certified. Shouldn't the **"status"** have read, incomplete or not accepted? I would have addressed it within the deadline if the **"status"** would've reflected the correct status of the application.

We are a very rural school district up in northwest Minnesota that struggles financially. I want to provide the best possible wireless network for our students and staff. The filing of this Erate grant is vital to the success of accomplishing this. As of today, our wireless network is over-saturated and very unreliable. I get at least five phone calls a day that they can't connect to the wifi and I have to restart the access points switch and access controller. This money would be very beneficial to the future of our Warren Alvarado Oslo students education.

Your consideration to extending the 471 window would be greatly appreciated.

#### My Entities

Entity	Entity Number	City	State
WARREN-ALVARADO-OSLO S D 2176	134048	WARREN	MN
WARREN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	65749	WARREN	MN
WARREN-ALVARADO-OSLO HIGH SCHOOL	65750	WARREN	MN

#### My Tasks

Name	Received	Status
Download PDF for FCC Form 498 - WAO SD 2176 - 443020963	1/23/2017 4:02 PM EST	Accepted
Create FCC Form 471 - 181031323 - 471/18	4/17/2018 2:27 PM EDT	Accepted

Sincerely,  
Heidi Thorstenson

