

## **Gettysburg School District 53-1**

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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Request for Waiver of Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2019  
CC Docket No. 02-6  
Gettysburg School District 53-1, South Dakota, Billed Entity # 134216  
Form 471 # 191042006 (Certified on April 10, 2019)

Dear Secretary Dortch:

The Gettysburg School District ("District") respectfully petitions the FCC for a waiver of the March 27, 2019 deadline for submitting Form 471 applications for E-rate Funding Year 2019.

The District submitted and certified FCC Form 471 #191042006 on April 10, 2019 which is fourteen (14) days past the deadline. We were unable to meet the March 27th filing deadline due to having submitted a properly completed FCC Form 470 after February 27, 2019. We posted our Form 470 on March 12, 2019 and in order to comply with the 28-day bidding period, we had to wait until on or after April 9, 2019 to evaluate proposals, select the most cost-effective bidder, negotiate and sign an agreement and then submit our form 471 application.

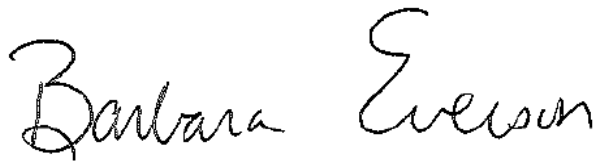
We were late in posting our establishing Form 470 because we were unfamiliar with how to post the form and the associated deadline. We sought guidance from our State E-rate Coordinator who assisted us with complying with the form submission for the Form 470 and Form 471. We have not filed for E-rate funding since FY 2016 and at that time we relied on an E-rate consultant. The particular consultant has since passed away and we did not have the assistance of any consultant this year. [Please note that the consultant linked in our portal and whose name appears on our Form 471 application is not currently retained by our District and is not providing services to us.]

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We are aware that in previous years, the FCC has waived the Form 471 deadline for forms submitted within 14 days of the Form 471 deadline. We believe that our request presents extenuating circumstances that support the waiver as being in the public interest. As soon as we realized that we had to post a Form 470 to be able to file a Form 471, we did. Also we filed our Form 471 as soon after the deadline as we could and within fourteen (14) days of the original deadline.

We hope the FCC will consider it to be in the public interest to grant our waiver request and treat our application as having been timely filed in the form 471 window.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Everson". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

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