

**BALLARD R-II SCHOOLS**  
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BALLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT R 2 (BEN: 137257) - 19BallardMU - Form # 191042135

Dear Sir or Madam

I am sending this letter for you to take in to consideration the reason why I missed the dead line for the E-rate grant. The simple matter is, I wrote down the wrong date, and thought I had until April 30 to finish the application process. We are a small rural school and I have many different jobs I perform, among these are; high school teacher, scholar bowl sponsor, class sponsor along with my technology obligations. This was the first year I had any notion that there was a grant that could help us receive funding for interior internet connectivity, so this is my first time filing the e-rate forms.

I respectfully ask you to review our application and consider issuing the waiver to grant us the necessary funding we need to help bring our school closer to where we need to be technology wise, to better help our students in the class rooms. This grant would help substantially, by giving us the ability to have Wi-Fi through-out our school. At this time, we have very limited Wi-Fi because we do not have the proper equipment to support our usage.

We have the computers in the computer lab and our school library, but, sometimes scheduling for classes to come to the computer lab or library is difficult when they are also used as classrooms. All laptops that the students use, at this time, have to be connected by a cable if we want to use the laptops. With State testing going Electronic, it makes testing in the classrooms very hard.

The elementary classrooms have iPads, but the students are limited with what they can do on the devices because of our Wi-Fi issues they cannot access the internet. For example...if the students could be able to use internet with their iPads they could do their reading testing on them.

Having better internet access and Wi-Fi through-out the school would definitely help our students and teachers be more productive in the classrooms.

I respectfully ask that you take into consideration the benefits of the students when making your decision. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely



Cheryl Murchie