

## **SURPRISE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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RE: Petition for Waiver for E-Rate Discounts

BEN: 144788 Form# 181042641

To Whom It May Concern:

Due to unforeseen circumstances, including staffing changes, retirements, the cost and replacement of an inoperable geothermal pump, and various other issues within the Surprise Valley Joint Unified School District, we unfortunately missed the deadline for filing our Category 2 application for funding. Many of the above mentioned costs and needs have depleted a large portion of our reserves.

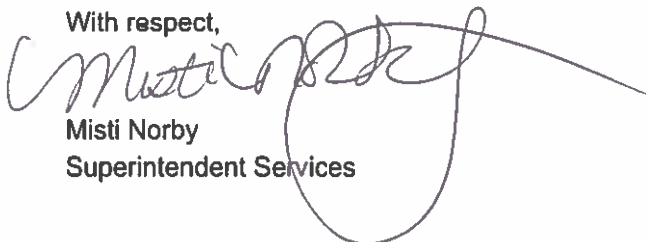
Currently, the district is in dire need of updating our server equipment as well as the appropriate licenses for operation. We have been upgrading as necessary, but now find it is time to replace and upgrade our server equipment. All of our students are one on one with technology, and our goal of continuing to serve them in this capacity is our number 1 priority. Due to the high costs of the server upgrade, our district cannot afford to purchase these items without the assistance of E Rate discounts. We were fortunate enough to sign a contract with SPURR which will reduce our initial costs of \$16,000, however we are still looking at an estimated cost of \$10,800 to purchase the necessary items for the upgrade.

Surprise Valley Joint Unified School District is located in Modoc County, a very remote area of Northern California. This remoteness makes it difficult for many resources to be accessed other than through the use of technology. The technology that is now used in our schools has greatly assisted in providing educational benefits to our children. Test scores are increasing and the knowledge they are gaining is incredulous.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration in acting favorably when considering the waiver for the E-Rate Discounts for the Surprise Valley Joint Unified School District.

If you have any questions, or need further information, please feel free to BillieJo Young, at the address above or by phone at (530) 233-7108.

With respect,



Misti Norby  
Superintendent Services