

June 12, 2018

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to request a petition for reconsideration in the denial of funding through USAC's Schools and Libraries division for the 2014 funding year for FRN 2722605 Form 471 #999896. Weston Preparatory Academy (BEN 16057883) requests that the denied funding status be changed to "Funded" for the request for services with Comcast Business Communications (SPIN 143003990). An appeal has been filed with USAC and denied. An appeal was filed with the FCC on November 16, 2017 and denied on May 17, 2018

We respectfully request reconsideration of this matter based on the FCC's general sentiment that applicants are in the best position to determine the needs of their own students. Of the three bids received, the school chose to take the higher bandwidth (giving better service to students) at the lowest price. Twenty mbps of fiber Internet is not enough bandwidth to have served the 295 students attending the school that year. It is reasonable that the school would want more than .06 Mbps per student and the school did select the lowest cost provider of the 500 Mbps service. The school did choose the best-for-student bandwidth level. Price is not to be the sole deciding factor in selecting a service provider.

The best service at the best cost was chosen as demonstrated with the signed contract for 500 mbps fiber Internet at \$4,200 monthly with Comcast. Burling Pointe provided a bid with pricing at \$6,123 per month for 500 mbps fiber Internet.

We respectfully request that this petition for reconsideration be granted because the most cost-effective service was ultimately selected.

Please feel free to contact me at 760-237-8327, [Valerie@grantconsultingservices.com](mailto:Valerie@grantconsultingservices.com), or at 551 Veronica Place, Escondido, CA 92027 or via fax at 248-768-6866 to discuss this request. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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