Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton Community School District

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Request for Waiver of 471 Application

Applicant Name:
Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton Community School District
BEN: 132395
Funding Year: 2016-17

Applicant Information:
Form 471 Application Numbers: 161051186, 161051192, 161054027
Category of Services: Category 1 & 2
FRN 1699118105: Internet Access
FRN 1699123796: Voice
FRN 1699124434: Wireless/Access Points

The Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton Community School District respectfully requests a waiver of the 2016-17 Form 471 Application. The Exira-EHK District relies heavily on the Category 1 and 2 E-Rate funding to provide state-of-the-art Internet access to our students & staff. As a small district, it is essential to get additional funding to keep improving our technology so that the students can be engaged in more educational online activities.

The previous Technology Director (E-Rate Coordinator) retired without providing any training on the E-rate process. I have no previous experience with the E-Rate program so this past year has been a learning experience navigating the new Portal system.

For the 2016-17 E-Rate funding cycle, I had put together two Category 1 Applications and a Category 2 Application for Voice, Internet & wireless project. I had submitted the Form 470's before the required date. I then mistakenly assumed that I had submitted and certified the Form 471's and just now discovered my mistake after seeing the first two funding waves.

I ask that the FCC grant a waiver for the Form 471 Applications: 161051186, 161051192, 161054027 which were successfully submitted July 6, 2016. The Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton CSD has been relying on the generosity of the FCC for many years. As a small district trying to thrive and keep up with the larger schools, it is imperative that we maintain funding for our technology improvements. The costs of the voice, internet & wireless connections would put a major strain on the technology budget, leaving little to no room for the actual purchase of new devices and educational software for the students to use in the classroom and at home.

I do not want the students to suffer because of the mistakes made by myself as I am the one responsible for the budget.

I request that our application be considered "in window" as the deadline has passed.

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Thank you for considering my request,

Sincerely,

Marie Larson
Business Manager/Board Treasurer/E-Rate Coordinator
Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton CSD