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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Communication
CC Docket No. 02-6

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Digital Pioneers Academy Public Charter School ("DPA"), I am submitting herewith the following information in follow-up to the June 26, 2018 meeting between DPA and Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) staff regarding DPA's Emergency Request for Waiver in the above-referenced matter, and in response to staff questions during that meeting:

1. The attached letter to DPA from the founder and CEO of Rocketship Education.
2. A statement by DPA's Director of Operations regarding how the denial of immediate E-rate funding in FY 2018 would impact DPA's first-year operations

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

James M. Smith
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Public Charter School

cc (by email): Ms. D'wana Terry
Ms. Kate Dumouchel
Mr. Mark Nadel
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Ms. Nirali Patel

ROCKETSHIP

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

July 10, 2018

Mashea M. Ashton
Digital Pioneers Academy
2220 Branch Avenue SE
Washington D.C., 20020

Dear Ms. Ashton

This will confirm that Rocketship Education conducted negotiations with Digital Pioneers Academy (DPA) concerning the possibility of co-locating DPA's initial 2018-2019 school year operations in Rocketship Legacy Prep at 4250 Massachusetts Avenue SE, Washington, D.C. 20019 between September 2017 and February 9, 2018. Although we ultimately were unable to accommodate DPA, I can further confirm that, during the period of our conversations, Rocketship Education and DPA both contemplated that, if DPA co-located in Rocketship Legacy Prep for its inaugural 2018-2019 school year, it would be able to utilize Rocketship Education's telecommunications and broadband Internet facilities, which were the subject of a Rocketship Education E-rate funding request for Funding Year 2018.

If you need further information regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Preston Smith

Preston Smith
Founder and CEO
Rocketship Education

DIGITAL PIONEERS

ACADEMY

To the FCC Wireline Competition Bureau:

On behalf of Digital Pioneers Academy, we were hoping to provide context on the difference that receiving our FCC funding will have on our students for this upcoming school year. As the first computer science-focused Middle School in Washington, D.C., one of the many services we hope to provide our students is lending them a Lenovo 100e Chromebook to be able to use for their studies. These devices will be used in our everyday instruction for multiple components of our curriculum, in particular our 45-minute Computer Science class that our students will be participating in every day.

The cost of providing our students one of these devices will be \$33,848.91, which is the approximate amount of E-rate support that we seek in FY 2018 in our Forms 471 and our pending petition for waiver of the filing window. The demographic of students that we are expecting to serve in Wards 7 and 8 of Washington, D.C. typically come from families that have an unemployment rate of 22.5% and an approximate family income of \$52,000 compared to the Washington, D.C. city averages of 11% unemployment and \$124,000 family income. We anticipate 60% of our students to be designated as coming from at-risk households.

These are devices that many of our families will not be able afford and are crucial to their students' growth and development in empowering them to earn one of the over 10,000 open computer science jobs that exist in Washington, D.C. alone with an average salary of \$108,000. This funding will enable our students' dreams of becoming the next generation of innovators a reality.

Respectfully submitted,

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