



September 28, 2018

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Ref: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors  
CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21

Dear Ms. Dortch:

E-Rate Central is writing to express its strong support for the appointment of Julie Tritt Schell, the Pennsylvania State E-rate Coordinator, to the USAC Board of Directors as a representative of the schools. E-Rate Central, the State E-rate Coordinator in New York, has been privileged to have worked with Ms. Schell in SECA for many years. We have witnessed firsthand the proactive expertise and passion she has brought to the E-rate program when she was a member of the USAC Board (and Chair of the Board's Schools and Libraries Committee) three years ago.

The USAC Board has always had knowledgeable school and library members, but none with Ms. Schell's day-to-day experience with procurement, eligible services, application review, EPC system navigation, and all the other details which are integral to E-rate's success.

This is a critical period for E-rate as the FCC has focused the program on broadband access and as USAC deals with its evolving IT systems. Both efforts require a high degree of cooperation between E-rate applicants, USAC, and the FCC with which Ms. Schell has played a vital role throughout her career.

Sincerely,

Winston E. Himsworth  
Executive Director