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RE: LEAD Public Schools (BEN: 17002634) PIA Inquiry

To Whom It May Concern:

In the State of Tennessee, charter school districts are not recognized as independent from the public school districts in which their sites reside. However, charter school districts are still financially responsible for the services that the charter school provides and requests E-Rate discounts for.

Guidance from USAC states that in order to establish the charter school's E-Rate discount and to avoid conflict with the state's designation of a dependent status, charters must file as a consortium with the public school listed as a member. The sites that belong to the charter district would be listed as recipients of service for each affected Funding Request Number to differentiate them from the sites that only belong to the public school district.

LEAD Public Schools is a charter organization with sites belonging to Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools (BEN: 128258) according to the State of Tennessee. Therefore, their application was filed as a consortium with Metro Nashville listed as a member for the purposes of establishing their E-Rate discount. Not all sites listed on the discount portion of the application actually belong to LEAD Public Schools. The sites that do belong are listed as recipients of service under each Funding Request Number. Below is a list of sites that our office can confirm belong to LEAD Public Schools. All other sites listed on the original application are only included for the purposes of establishing LEAD Public School's E-Rate discount.

The original FCC Form 470 filed by Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools was also filed on behalf of LEAD Public schools as the sites linked to LEAD Public in EPC, under the guidance from the State, actually belong to Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools.

Please see below for the sites belonging to LEAD Public Schools under Metropolitan Nashville:

LEAD Academy High School – BEN 16042681
Cameron College Preparatory – BEN 16069495
Brick Church – BEN 16069685
Neely's Bend – BEN 17003492
LEAD Preparatory Southeast – BEN 16077630

This letter certifies that the listed district sites meet the statutory definition of schools as found in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, (20 U.S.C., section 7801(18) and (38)), and/or the definition of non-traditional K-12 students and facilities as found in the "Eligibility Table for Non-traditional K-12 Students and Facilities" on the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD), Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC) web site.

Based on research done by this office, we conclude that these schools are eligible for E-rate in Tennessee under E-rate program guidelines and that the student data (student enrollment and NSLP student eligibility) and the resulting discounts are accurate and supported by documentation maintained in official records.

Please contact me if our office may be of further assistance to you and your team. Thank you.

Regards,



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