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I want the Commission
to vote to give lower
rates for communication
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The Honorable Reed Hunt, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Hundt (& State Public Utility Commissioner & Members of Congress):

Our School is urging you to support affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools and libraries allowing every child the opportunity to access the world of information that is available in todays advancing technology. With passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year that mandates a specific development rate for education and to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this community.

It would be foolish to think children (future working adults) will be able to secure a "fair wage" job in an ever advancing economy without the proper training in the schools. Our schools NEED to have that technology made available at an affordable rate to make it possible for any child to graduate with enough knowledge to be able to compete confident in the future workforce. In the long run this can only be seen as a benefit to our community along with our country as these children ARE our future!

As the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board imploment the universal serve provision we ask you to ensure that telecommunications are made available to all schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates. We need this made affordable, flexible and to offer choice to serve best each communities needs. We have a great need for a direct link into our classrooms, labs, libraries and work stations.

We beg you to pray over this matter. Make the choice to support this chance of advancing the needs of every school child here in America to become future blessings to our great nation, as well as a productive part of society,

Sincerely,

Holy Family School

The Students, Faculty, School Board and Parents of Holy Family School

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
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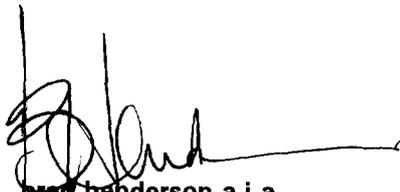
Chairman Hundt (and State Public Utility Commissioner and Members of Congress):

I am writing to you as a father of a high school student with designs to advance to college. However, current school funding has hampered the available resources necessary to provide adequate materials to support college-prep courses of meaningful value. I therefore have become a strong supporter of advanced resources from the "Information Highway." These high-tech information systems should be made available to all schools and libraries via affordable and meaningful discounts of telecommunication services.

The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a service rate for education (ss. an "e-rate") to secure affordable telecommunication services reflecting the financial capability of this community. As the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal serve provision, **I urge you to ensure that telecommunication companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates.**

There is no doubt that advanced telecommunication services are important to expanding horizons, improving learning, sparking the imagination and leveling the playing field for all the nation's people. Advanced telecommunication services in the classroom will assure that our children and life-long learners can connect with the information technology needed to compete in today's and tomorrow's workforce. It is imperative that these services are made available at reduced rates such that they may be linked directly to the libraries, classrooms, labs and workstations.

All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are truly affordable, flexible and offer choice in determining which services best meet each community's needs. I urge you to act upon this opportunity to bring the necessary resources to every student and lifelong learner in America.



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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing in strong support of meaningful discounts for all schools so that every school child can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunication Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education or an "E-rate" to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of our community. There is no doubt that advanced telecommunications services are important to improving learning, sparking the imagination and leveling the playing field for all of this nation's people. Affordable access to technology in all classrooms will assure that our children can connect with the technology needed to compete in today's and tomorrow's workforce. Advanced telecommunications services in the classroom will also create informed and skilled consumers of new technology well into the 21 st Century.

As the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal service provision, I ask you to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to schools at significantly discounted rates. All schools need long term discounts that are truly, affordable, flexible and offer choice in determining which services best meets each communities needs. It is imperative that these services are linked directly into the classroom, lab and work station.

I urge you to act upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child in America.

Sincerely,


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Cathy Guizio
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Dear Mr. Chairman,

I understand that you will be making a decision on how the Telecommunications Act of 1996 will be implemented. I am writing in support of affordable telecommunications rates for our schools. Until these rates become affordable, our children will not be exposed to the opportunities this technology has to offer. Our children are already behind other countries in science and math. Without this access to telecommunications they will fall even farther behind.

Please establish an E-rate on telecommunications services for the education community in our country.

Sincerely

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

As president of a high school which is making a college preparatory education available to numerous families of very modest means, I am in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools and libraries so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology. I urge your support for an affordable "e-rate" which will assist the financial limitations of this community.

Affordable access to technology is so critical for our students to get ahead, and to be prepared for the twenty-first century. So much has become possible because of the assistance of private enterprise and local colleges; I now ask the Federal Communications Commission to help keep this affordable.

As the F.C.C. and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal serve provision, I ask you to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates. All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are truly affordable, flexible, and offer choice in determining which services best meet each community's needs. It is imperative that these services are linked directly into the classroom, lab and work station.

I urge you to act upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and life-long learner in America.

Sincerely,

Fr. Donald Grzymiski, OFM Conv.

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Date: August 24, 1996
To: Members of the Federal/State Joint Board on Universal Service
From: Robert Carlitz, Executive Director, Information Renaissance
Subject: Universal Service/Network Democracy

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I am writing to announce the start of a five week on-line seminar on the provisions of the Telecommunications Act which deal with Universal Service for schools and libraries. The seminar be conducted from August 26 through September 27. Participants will include teachers, librarians, school administrators, people from the business community, and government staff. Information Renaissance is hosting this seminar, with major funding from BellSouth and The Heinz Endowments and additional support from NYNEX and Pacific Bell.

The seminar is based upon the concept of "Network Democracy." The two-way nature of current high-speed data networks allows them to be used both as a means of disseminating information and of obtaining input from thousands of people at remote sites around the country or around the world. The present application of this concept will bring together for the first time grass-roots practitioners of networking technology in our nation's schools and libraries with experts on telecommunications law and networking technology. The resulting synergy should be able to drive the rulemaking process of the subject of Universal Service for schools and libraries toward a conclusion which maximizes its impact upon our nation's educational infrastructure.

A portion of the seminar will be based upon an electronic library which Information Renaissance is constructing for this activity. At the World Web site <http://info-ren.pitt.edu/universal-service> you will find the majority of the Comments and Reply Comments submitted to the Federal Communications Commission on CC Docket 96-45. These documents will be placed under a search engine to allow the simple retrieval of information desired by the seminar's participants. Thus, for the first time, there will not only be broad public access to these important documents; the documents themselves will also be more easily accessible and more easily manipulated than ever before.

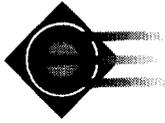
We hope that you will choose to participate in the upcoming seminar. Registration is now open through the Web site mentioned above. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions on this work.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Carlitz

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Executive Director
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Joint Board on Universal Service

RE: Docket No. 96-45

Dear Joint Board Members:

In its filing on April 12, the Alliance for Public Technology has made reference to two of its publicly available reports. In order to facilitate your review of these reports which have previously been filed at the FCC, I am attaching copies for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Barbara O'Connor
Chair

Enclosure

cc: Secretary, Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Madam:

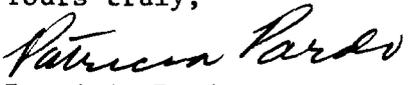
RE: CC Docket 96-45, Universal Service

I am the Legislative Chairperson for the Dade County (FL) Library Media Specialists' Association and I write in support of the discounted telecommunications rate for schools and libraries.

I fully support the American Library Association's recommendations on this issue and I encourage you to support these discounts in an equitable manner.

Thank you for your efforts in this matter.

Yours truly,



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Mr. Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Mr. Hundt and Commission Members,

Public Schools must have the tools to prepare students for the Information Age. Access to telephone lines without rates that are appropriate for the for-profit industries are needed to connect students with the world and schools with parents.

I am encouraging you to act on November 7 to lower rates for telecommunication services for all public schools. Your implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 is our hope for the future. With reasonably affordable access to the Information Highway, our nation's students will be more prepared to solve the problems of the future. Educators are looking to your commission for leadership.

Sincerely,

Cathy Burden, Ph.D.
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Dear Mr. Hundt:

I was encouraged to see that the new federal law, The Telecommunications Act of 1996, includes a provision for a favorable education rate. Such a rate is critical to ensure that every child and lifelong learner has affordable access to the world of information technology. For example, I would encourage you to implement a discount similar to the discount provided by Novell Corporation to purchasers of its Netware network operating system. Novell is offering schools a 93% discount from their standard selling price of a 250 user Novell Netware license. This is the size of discount which is needed to make high speed connectivity between our schools and various other information sources affordable.

The students, taxpayers, parents and employees in the Rockwood School District demonstrated that they recognize the importance of technology by recently passing a bond issue with \$8.5 million devoted to technological improvements throughout the district. The funds will be used to install new computers in classrooms throughout the district, upgrade printers, and provide multiple fiber optic network connections to every classroom at all 26 schools throughout the district. We have taken many steps to make technology accessible in our classrooms and libraries, but it is critical that we have your support to enable our schools to be connected to each other and to information sources throughout the state, nation, and the world. These connections need to be at rates which are affordable to school districts which must function with limited financial resources. An appropriate discount to schools would allow for ten megabit access at a monthly cost of under \$200. This is the type of rate which is needed to make improved access to telecommunications affordable to schools.

As you consider an appropriate education rate, I urge you to make long term discounts that are truly affordable available to school districts and libraries. It is also important that we have the flexibility to determine the services that best meet our needs and also bring those services directly to the classroom where learning occurs.

Please do not allow this historic opportunity for our children, the future leaders of society, to pass by without your complete support!

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Hundt (& State Public Utility Commissioner & Members of Congress):

I write on behalf of the staff at Myrtle Creek Elementary School in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools and libraries so that every school child can have access to the world of information through advanced technologies. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education or an 'e-rate' to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this and every community.

There is no doubt that advanced telecommunications services are important to improving learning. Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will assure that our children can connect with the technology needed to compete in their 21st C. workplace. Advanced telecommunications services in the classroom will also create informed and skilled consumers. Internet access to a building on dedicated lines to isolated locations is not the solution. It is needed in every classroom where the service is accessible and most useful.

As the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal serve provision, I ask you to ensure that companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates. All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are truly affordable, flexible and offer choice in determining which services best meet each community's needs. It is imperative that these services are linked directly to the classrooms, labs and work stations.

Please act on this historic pivotal opportunity for the nation's children.

Sincerely,

James A. Sheldahl
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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I ask the FCC and the Federal-State Joint Board to establish an affordable, discounted "e-rate" for schools and libraries as you implement the universal service provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Affordable access to technology in libraries will ensure that children and life-long learners can connect with the technology needed to compete in today's and tomorrow's workforce. With the increase in usage of computers and telecommunications in the workplace and our everyday life, we cannot ignore the need for its presence in libraries. Access to advanced telecommunications services at affordable rates is necessary for libraries to take advantage of the capital investments made by the telecommunication companies who are installing fiber optic cable and data lines to the library's doorstep. Libraries find it impossible or difficult to pay the ongoing monthly charges associated with maintaining the high-speed telecommunications link. The Library System is currently exploring a telecommunications network among thirteen libraries in a two county, 600 sq. mi. region. If we distributed the monthly costs of the network back to the member libraries, the annual costs for libraries in communities of less than 2500 people would be 25% to 50% of their total library operations budget. Their interest in participation is diminished by this fact.

All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are affordable, flexible and offer choice in determining which services best meet the needs of each community.

Sincerely,

David Weinhold

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cc: Cheryl Parrino, Chair, Wisconsin Public Service Commission

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Dear Chairman Hundt,

Larry Acker
Director

On November 8 the Federal Communications Commission and its state partners will be issuing recommendations for discounted rates for schools, colleges and public libraries as part of the "Telecommunications Act of 1996." Therefore, the next several days are critical for schools as they strive to move forward into the information age.

David Krauss
Director

Jeanne Kurland
Director

Don Senti
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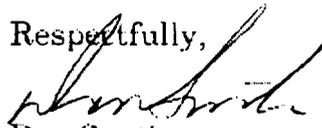
I am writing to voice my strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for schools and libraries, so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology. Without deep discounts in the rate structure for schools, we cannot adequately prepare our students for post secondary educational opportunities and the labor force in this global economy. With only nine percent of the public school classrooms in the country wired to the informational and learning resources available on the Internet, the vast majority of our students in this country are currently being denied entry on to the information superhighway for lack of funds.

Linda J. Henke
Assistant Superintendent

Over the next few days, I urge you to take a personal interest in the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission to insure that the FCC recommends both affordable rates and service which is linked directly into the classroom, lab and work station.

Paul A. Fedchak
Director of Business

I appreciate your interest in this important educational initiative. Long term affordable rates with local control of services will help schools bring their students and communities into the world of information technology.

Respectfully,

Don Senti
Superintendent of Schools

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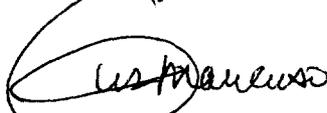
Schools need long term discounts that are affordable and flexible. Those discounts should offer a choice in determining which services best meet each community's needs. It is imperative that these services go beyond the school house door and directly into the classroom, lab, and work stations.

At Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School, a computer-technology committee was formed five years ago. This committee, made up of teachers representing all students, make decision about how dollars will be spent at LHS. This committee has also developed a well-thought out, long-range technology plan for our school. The problem is funding this plan. Due to limited expenditures by our district because of the state revenue caps, we cannot meet the technology needs of our students and school.

There will be countless benefits to connecting our students with technology. They will be more successful students, better workers, and more informed citizens. They will be better able to compete in a world that is becoming increasingly dependent upon technology.

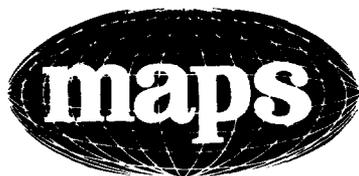
This is an important issue. You have important decisions to make. I urge you to act on behalf of all the children that will benefit from your action.

Sincerely,


Gus Mancuso
Principal

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RE: DOCKET NO. 96-45

Chairman Reed Hundt, I am writing in support of significant and affordable discounts for all schools and libraries so that students of every age can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year requires that a special rate for education-an "e-rate" be created to enable education entities to secure affordable technology services.

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In Wisconsin school districts are under spending caps. With the onslaught of technology demands, districts are struggling to reprioritize expenditures attempting to meet current classroom needs. On September 10 our school district passed a referendum which will allow us to hire a technology coordinator. With this position, we hope to network our district and eventually provide all students with internet access. With spending caps it is nearly impossible to locally find the dollars to expand technology access for our students.

There will be countless benefits to connecting our students with technology. They will be more successful students, better workers, and more informed citizens. They will be better able to compete in a world that is becoming increasingly dependent upon technology.

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John Kaufman
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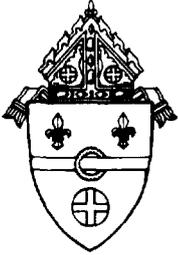
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Mr. Reed Hunt, Chairman
Federal Communication Commission
1919 M Street NW, Room 814
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Dear Chairman Hunt:

In February of 1996, the passage of the Telecommunications Act marked a major milestone toward ensuring access to information by citizens across the country. This step was long overdue. The proliferation of new technologies for communications has brought healthy competition but it has also resulted in confusion on the part of the general public. Telecommunications are becoming increasingly important to children in our schools but they still remain a relatively expensive resource. The Telecommunications Act will bring some coherence to the extensive variety of communications networks that now exist, and I hope that it will also bring affordable rates for schools and libraries.

I am aware of the fact that the Act specified affordable, discounted rates for schools and libraries but did not establish what those rates were. Current rates for telecommunications services prohibit schools and libraries from taking advantage of the vast resources that are available online. Frequently, all that can be afforded is access by only one or two units per building. To be meaningful, we need to obtain affordable rates to put all of our school computers online and not just one or two.

We currently see a wide range of rates for access between cable companies and telephone companies, and it's disturbing to see the vast difference in rates for the same service in different geographical areas. In spite of the fact that the rates are more favorable in areas where competition between cable and telephone companies exists, they are still beyond the range of strained school budgets. Please do what you can to assure that the rates that are established under the Telecommunications Act provide deeply discounted, if not free, access to advanced telecommunications services for schools.

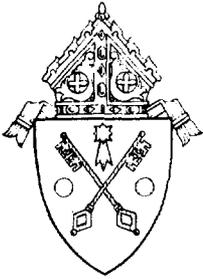
Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

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Assistant Superintendent
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Federal Communications Commission
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Mr. Reed Hundt
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington DC, 20554

Dear Mr. Hundt:

I understand that on November 7, 1996 the Federal Communications Commission will take action that will affect the telecommunication service rates for public education. I strongly encourage you to take action that will lower the rates for telecommunications service for public education.

We, in public education, understand the intent of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 was to provide affordable telecommunications access on the information highway to all of America's students. We are now encouraging and requesting the Federal Communications Commission to help us accomplish that goal. We believe schools should receive a separate rate than the one charged to business for profit entities. This lower rate will allow more schools to afford the important link between schools, parents, and the world. Your action on November 7 will send an important message to school children and parents everywhere. Please make it a positive statement.

Sincerely yours,

Debra Jacoby
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Chief Financial Officer

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Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman, FCC
1919 M Street NW, Room 814
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt,

The members of the Springville Grange of Erie County strongly urge you to fulfill the intent of the telecommunications Bill by providing deeply discounted, continuous telecommunication rates for schools and libraries.

There should be no restrictions to the provider of the service and the discount should be in proportion to the ability to pay.

Sincerely,

Jane Kester

Springville Grange 1136
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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
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Office of Secretary



CC: Docket No. 96-45 (Discounted Rates for Schools and Libraries)

Dear Chairman Hundt:

As you know, the passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year required the development of an education or "E-Rate" for schools and libraries. This discounted rate would help local education agencies acquire advanced telecommunication services. The California School Boards Association (CSBA) urges the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Federal-State Joint Board to join CSBA and California's education community in supporting affordable, discounted rates for schools and libraries.

As the FCC and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal service provision, we respectfully request that you insure telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates. All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are affordable, flexible, and that provide communities with a menu of telecommunication options.

In California, where there is only one computer for every 73 pupils, the ability to provide advanced telecommunications services in schools will greatly help pupils achieve the academic standards established by the state. Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will also help insure that our children obtain the computer skills needed to compete in the global workforce of the 21st century. By insuring advanced telecommunications services are in our classrooms today, we will be insuring American companies will have a qualified and efficient workforce that will enable them to remain competitive in the world market.

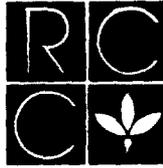
We urge you to support our schools and our children by approving an E-Rate that will provide local schools with an opportunity to acquire affordable advanced telecommunications.

Sincerely,

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Charles R. Novak
President

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Mr. Reed Hundt
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Mr. Hundt:

Richland Community College strongly supports affordable discounts for schools and libraries under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the inclusion of community colleges in the passage of the Snowe-Rockefeller provision.

As a significant portion of Richland's budget, telecommunication charges are increasing each year as the College expands its use of complex and expensive technologies in its curricular programs. The College also shares programs and instruction over its fiber distance learning network with area high schools. However, current tariff fees prevent several area high schools from becoming members of the network.

For continuation and expansion of Richland's programs, telecommunications companies **must** provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates. Schools need long-term discounts that are truly affordable, accessible, and flexible and offer choices in determining which services best meet community and local school needs. Present costs are too expensive.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Novak

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
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1919 M Street, NW, Room 814
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Re: Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing in strong support of significant and affordable discounts for all schools and libraries so that students of every age can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year requires that a special rate for education an "e-rate" be created to enable education entities to secure affordable technology services.

As the Federal Communications Commission and the federal-state Joint Board implement the universal service provision, I am asking that you take steps to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates.

Schools need long term discounts that are affordable and flexible. Those discounts should offer a choice in determining which services best meet each community's needs. It is imperative that these services go beyond the school house door and directly into the classroom, lab, and work station.

There will be countless benefits to connecting our students with technology. They will be more successful students, better workers, and more informed citizens. They will be better able to compete in a world that is becoming increasingly dependent upon technology.

This is an important issue. You have important decisions to make. I urge you to act on behalf of all the children that will benefit from your action.

Sincerely,

Thomas Fiedler, Ed. D.
Principal

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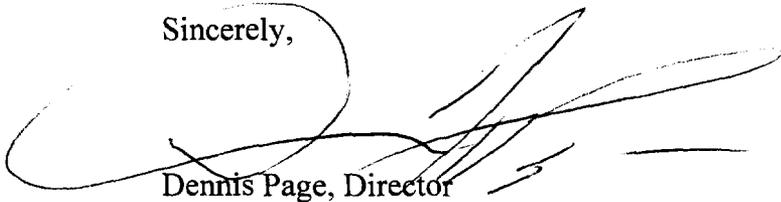
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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Dear Sir:

The Grand Forks Public Library is providing internet service to our patrons in the library over T1 lines. The demand is tremendous but we will be unable to expand or even maintain our current level of service unless the library receives free or discounted telecommunication rates.

Sincerely,



Dennis Page, Director

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