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The Honorable James Quello, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioner Quello:

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

On behalf of the Milwaukee Public School district, I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

The 'E-rate' initiative is a critical element to the successful implementation of Milwaukee Public Schools' *Technology Strategic Plan*. We are convinced that the future of our community is linked directly to how successfully we build the Information Superhighway into teaching and learning experiences in Milwaukee.

We have a plan that is developing a broad-base of support. This plan will link each of our 6000 classrooms to the world via voice, data and interactive video communication. Training and curriculum reform to take full advantage of these enhanced capabilities are underway.

Milwaukee Public Schools is a large, urban district with high concentrations of poverty. We are also operating under state spending caps which limit our opportunities to pool resources needed to link our classrooms to the Information Superhighway. The E-rate will become an important element in addressing future communication requirements. \$2.25 billion will have a great impact and constitute a great beginning.

We are also interested in assuring that the funding reach urban districts like Milwaukee without having the impact diffused. The rules must be constructed to support the intent of the legislation. Your task is daunting, but you can be confident that Milwaukee is prepared to move forward. We will be successful, because the E-rate will create expanded opportunities for Milwaukee's students and teachers.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Doug Haselow
Chief Lobbyist

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Mr. Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St., NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt:

As superintendent of Clinton School District #32, I urge your continued support for affordable access to the information super-highway for our school children. I understand forces are underway to reduce funding for the initiative that would ensure all children have the opportunity to experience today's technology.

I thank you for this consideration!

Respectfully,



Ken Halverson

cc: Rachelle Chong
Susan Ness
James Quello ✓



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Dr. Melissa Sheppard
Principal

Mrs. Kay Keeler
Lead Teacher

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Dear Commissioner:

We are currently teachers in the Beaufort County School District, Beaufort County, SC. We would like to share with you our desire that you continue to support affordable access to the Information Superhighway through the Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan to schools. Your support of the discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance learning opportunities.

In order to ensure that all of our students have the opportunity to learn, services directly to the classroom are needed. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is very important to preparing our students for the world of tomorrow. Our school is undergoing a technology integration plan which will ensure access to a variety of multi-media opportunities. We need the deep discounts in telecommunications in order to continue to provide them with informational access that will prepare them for the future. We strongly urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Faculty of Port Royal Elementary:

MP Sheppard
J. Holmes
Kim Jones
Kay Gilbert
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The Honorable James Quello
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am the Technology Coordinator for the Fox Chapel Area School District, outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. We have been connected to the Internet for five years. I would like to thank you for your commitment to ensure that all schools and libraries have affordable access to the emerging Information Highway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan offers us the necessary incentive to move ahead with our community access network that will link our students to the larger community, including the regional community library system. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools and community members as we envision FOXCAN - the Fox Chapel Community Access Network. In our plan for next year we will develop a connection to a satellite library located in a family center site that serves our poorest students. Without the cost reductions promised by the discount plan neither our community library nor the Fox Chapel Area School District will be able to offer this service.

Our students and community members need deep discounts for telecommunications services. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

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The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert O'Donnell, Member
Governing Board of Education

RO:na

cc: The Honorable Pete Wilson, Governor of the State of California



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Sincerely,

Chester W. Morrison, Clerk
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Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda L. Stack, Member
Governing Board of Education

LLS:na

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

John C. Fitzgerald, Member
Governing Board of Education

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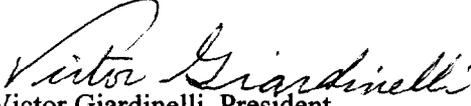
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Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


Victor Giardinelli, President
Governing Board of Education

VG:na

cc: The Honorable Pete Wilson, Governor of the State of California

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The Honorable James Quello
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Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am the director of a regional educational agency in the Middle Georgia area. In the rural areas that my agency serves, it is imperative that students have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

Our school systems need discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the discount plan for universal service for schools.

Sincerely,

Jackie Stinchcomb



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The Honorable James Quello, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am Executive Director for the Heart of Georgia Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) which includes the following counties in Georgia: Bleckley, Dodge, Laurens, Montgomery, Pulaski, Telfair, Treutlen, Wheeler, and Wilcox. I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway. We desperately need it.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow. I am enclosing a copy of a letter that I sent to the Georgia Public Service Commissioner that will explain our area and concerns.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

June D. Bradfield

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Marie L. Pisano
Board Secretary-Business Manager

Joseph A. Martin, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

April 17, 1997

The Honorable James Quello
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello: :

I am a Board Member from the New Castle Area School District in Pennsylvania and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

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With this discount, we would be able to purchase new adoptions of textbooks which have repeatedly been cut from our local budget. Western Pennsylvania has been extremely hard hit and our school has lost \$13,000,000 of tax base in the last ten years and we rank ninth in the Commonwealth for local tax effort.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,



Mr. Michael Michalajko
Board Member

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Mr. Thomas DiMuccio
Vice-President

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ANAHEIM CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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April 24, 1997

The Honorable James Quello
Commissioner
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner:

I am writing to you in regards to the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program. I am the Superintendent of Anaheim City School District, and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Roberta Thompson
Superintendent

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Acting Superintendent

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The Honorable James Quello
Federal Communications Commission
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am the Director of Information Technology for the Pennsbury School District in Fallsington, Bucks County, PA.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that all schools have the opportunity to connect to the Information Superhighway and with distance learning opportunities, thus bringing services directly to the classroom where students learn. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Pennsbury School District is embarking on a major technology program that is currently limited by funding. We are unable to address a number of instructional requirements because of the costs necessary to build the infrastructure. We are planning to use the services of the local cable company to connect our 16 buildings, and we hope to use an Internet Service Provider and telecommunication lines to extend Internet to the classrooms. Currently, only one lab and the library in each school have any type of data cabling. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 provides for deep discounts for schools for telecommunication services, and enacting these discounts could make a significant difference in our project. Please recognize the positive impact such discounts could have on the implementation of our technology program. The actions you take at the FCC can considerably assist us in achieving our goals.

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Internet. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Sincerely,

A. Richard Wilson, Interim Director
Information Technology

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West Allegheny School District

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Dear Commissioner Quello:

On May 8, 1997, when you vote on the FCC Federal State Joint Boards recommendation to provide significant discounts for all telecommunications services, including connections within each classroom, you will have the opportunity to guarantee that all students have an equal opportunity to benefit from our nations technological advancements. This will prove to be a major step in the efforts to prepare students for their future in which 60% of the jobs will require computer skills.

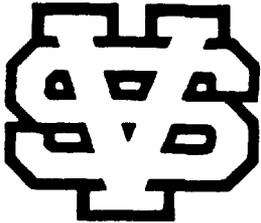
As a school superintendent, I can assure you that the proposed discounts would provide a major thrust to our efforts to integrate technology into the curriculum. We are committed to providing our students with the computer skills that businesses demand and that our workforce will need to maintain our competitiveness in a global economy.

I encourage you to support the plan to provide discounts to schools for all telecommunications services, including internal connections. This action will open the door of opportunity for every student in our country and help to prepare our workforce of the future.

Sincerely,

Reggie J. Bonfield
Superintendent

RJB:rs



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STEEL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

District Administrative Offices

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The Honorable James Quello
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Quello:

By way of introduction, my name is John Tichon and I am the Director of Secondary Education for Steel Valley School District in Munhall, Pennsylvania. On behalf of our administrators, staff and students, I would like to thank you for all the time and effort you have spent in ensuring that *all* schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway by way of the Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan.

The Internet is a remarkable learning tool; however, our district has suffered extreme revenue losses due to the closing of United States Steel's Homestead Plant and other subsequent closings of area industry/business, thus making it very difficult for us to pay the toll to the Superhighway. The Internet, and our district's current involvement in a School-to-Work collaborative, are excellent means to better prepare our students for the workforce of tomorrow. Discounts received for telecommunications services would be a tremendous help in being able to provide our students with the opportunities they need to become life-long learners and productive citizens.

I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries which would mean so much to poorer districts such as ours.

Sincerely,


John J. Tichon

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Director of Services
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The Honorable James Quello, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 802
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am writing to you regarding the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program. I am a locally elected school board member from the Merced County Office of Education, and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have access to the Internet and the ability to provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of schools across the country, and more importantly, the plan will bring telecommunications services directly to the classrooms, where they can have the greatest impact on students. It is important to remember that each element of this plan is vital to the overall success of the discount program. Therefore, the inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections should not be eliminated, nor should the size of the Universal Service Fund be reduced. As I am sure you are aware, this program is essential for preparing our students to enter the workforce of tomorrow.

The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal services for schools and libraries.

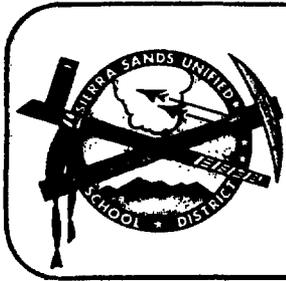
Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


SYBIL CROOKHAM, Chairperson
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April 21, 1997

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Dear Commissioner Quello:

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I am writing to you in regard to the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program. I am superintendent of Sierra Sands Unified School District, and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

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Sincerely,


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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am writing to you in regards to the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications discount Program. I am a locally elected school board member from Delano Union Elementary School District, and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

It is important to remember that each element of this plan is vital to the overall success of the discount program. Therefore, the inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections should not be eliminated, nor should the size of the Universal Service Fund be reduced. Also, I urge you to include Frame Relay Connections as part of this discount program. This is an essential technology that was omitted from the original proposal.

The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Frank Herrera
President, Board of Trustees

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Dr. Milton Woolsey
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am writing to you in regard to the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program. I am the technology coordinator for the Inyo County Office of Education, and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even small, rural schools like those in our county will have access to the Internet and the ability to provide the kinds of distance-learning opportunities that could make all the difference to students in remote areas of the country like ours. The plan will bring telecommunications services directly to the classrooms where they can have the greatest impact on students. It is important to remember that each element of this plan is vital to the overall success of the discount program. Therefore, the inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections should not be eliminated, nor should the size of the Universal service Fund be reduced. As I am sure you are aware, this program is essential for preparing our students to enter the work force of tomorrow.

The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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James Quello, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW Room 802
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Dear Commissioner Quello:

This letter is in reference to the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program. As Superintendent of the Berryessa Union School District in the Santa Clara Valley, I would like to express my district's support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

All schools should have the same access to the Internet and the ability to provide distance-learning opportunities for their students whether they be low wealth districts or districts more socially and economically well off. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that all schools will have this opportunity. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of schools across the country. More importantly, the plan will bring telecommunication services directly to the classrooms where it can have the greatest impact on students. The size of the Universal Service Fund should not be reduced nor the elimination of the inclusion discounts for internal classroom connections. This program is essential for the future role of students in the work force while developing positive attitudes toward education.

The "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need these discounts for services this year. I urge you and other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal service for all schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


G. Herbert Wadley, Ed. D.
Superintendent

cc: Board of Trustees



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Winnfield Senior High School

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The Honorable James Quello
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Quello:

I am principal of Winnfield Senior High School in Winn Parish, Louisiana. I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will allow even the poorest schools to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. This proposed budget will address the needs of all schools and provide funding directly to classrooms.

Winnfield Senior High School will use the discounts to access the Internet through our local area network. The Winnfield Senior High School Technology plan and the Winn Parish Technology Plan provide for computers with Internet access in every classroom within the next three years. All of our schools have at least two dial-up accounts.

We need discounts for telecommunications in order to better prepare our students for the workplace of the next century. I would like to encourage the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service to schools and libraries.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jane Griffin
Principal