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

RE: Docket #96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am the Superintendent of Manheim Township School District in Pennsylvania. 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 guarantee that every school 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.

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,

Sharron V. Nelson,
Superintendent

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The Mission of Manheim Township School District, building on its tradition of academic excellence, is to graduate students possessing personal integrity, a broad base of knowledge, an appreciation of cultural diversity and skills in thinking and communication all acquired through an innovative learning system which encourages creativity, individual development and prepares citizens for success in a global society.

Palmdale School District

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James Quello, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 802
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

As locally elected trustees of the Palmdale School District, we wish to indicate to you our strong support for the proposed \$2.25 billion "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

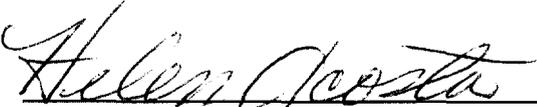
The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee all schools will have access to the Internet and the ability to tap into other distance-learning opportunities. The plan will bring telecommunications directly to the classrooms, where they can have a greater impact on students. The inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections should not be eliminated, nor should the Universal Service Fund be reduced.

We urge you and the FCC Commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board.

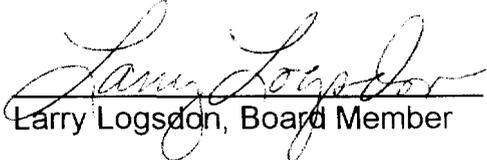
Thank you for your consideration.


Velma M. Trosin, Board President


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Helen Acosta, Board Member


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The Honorable James Quello
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1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
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Dear Commissioner Quello:

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

As the Superintendent of Schools of the Lee's Summit R-7 School District, I would like to thank you for your continued support for affordable Internet access for all students.

As you know The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that all schools, regardless of each district's financial resources, will have the opportunity to access the Internet and utilize distance-learning to supplement and/or enrich their curriculum. The \$2.25 billion a year funding from the Universal Service Fund will address the needs of all our schools, and, most importantly, will bring services directly into the classroom, thus impacting all students. The inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital for schools to prepare the workforce of tomorrow.

As the Superintendent of a growing district, we constantly struggle with parity issues between our old (pre-1950) buildings and our new buildings (two new elementary schools are currently under construction). The availability of deep discounts for telecommunications services this year can make it possible for us to deliver state-of-the-art technology to all of our buildings. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

Tony L. Stansberry, Ph.D.
Superintendent

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MR. ROBERT E. BEUTHEL
SUPERINTENDENT

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 the Burlingame School District, 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 service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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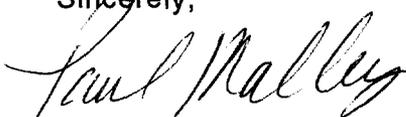
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With this discount, we would be able to purchase new adoptions of textbooks which have repeatedly been cut from our local budget. Western Pennsylvania has been extremely hard hit and our school has lost \$13,000,000 of tax base in the last ten years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

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,



Mr. Paul Malley
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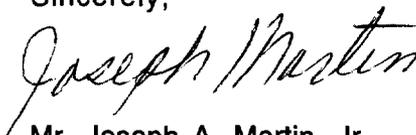
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RE: CC Docket No 96 - 45

Dear Commissioner Quello: :

I am the Assistant Superintendent 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.

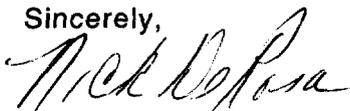
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Thank you.

Sincerely,



Mr. Nick DeRosa
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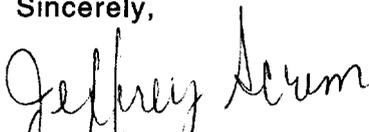
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Thank you.

Sincerely,



Mr. Jeffrey Scrim
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Thank you.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Karen Humphrey
President

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RE: CC Docket No 96 - 45

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Thank you.

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Mr. Frank Bonfield
Board Member

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Mr. Sam Trivillino
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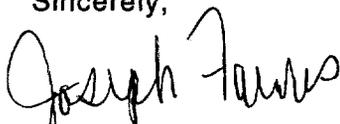
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Thank you.

Sincerely,



Mr. Joseph Farris
Board Member

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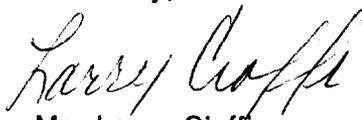
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Thank you.

Sincerely,



Mr. Larry Cioffi
Board Member

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Dear Commissioner Quello :

I am the Treasurer 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.

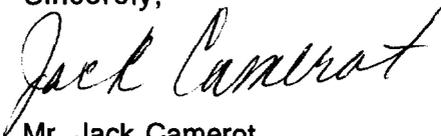
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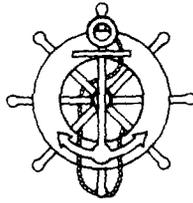
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Thank you.

Sincerely,



Mr. Jack Camerot
Treasurer



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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am William J. Creeden, Headmaster of Severn School, Severna Park, Maryland, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries 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 the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital, as is your inclusion of Internet Service Provider costs. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

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,


William J. Creeden
Headmaster

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ORANGEBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

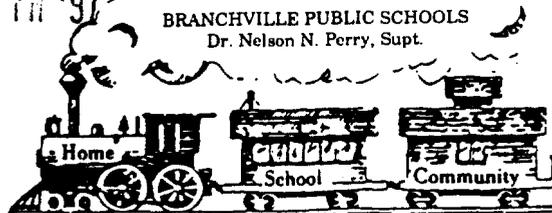
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"PULLING TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE IT WORK"

The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 344
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am a superintendent from Orangeburg School District Eight, and 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.

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.

The money saved from the discount will enable us to use the additional resources to broaden our instructional offering and an innovative technology program.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nelson N. Perry

Nelson N. Perry, Ed.D.
District Superintendent

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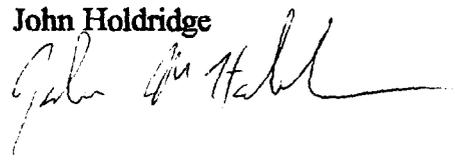
Dear Commissioner,

I am an Adult Basic Education Teacher for the Blackstone Valley Chapter of the Rhode Island Association of retarded Citizens in Pawtucket Rhode Island. I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all libraries and places of education will have affordable access to the Information Super Highway. The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will be able to make use of the educational opportunities available through the Internet. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly into the classroom. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital.

I urge you to include Adult Education Centers in your bill. Here at B.V.C. our adult learners currently use the Internet to look for jobs, research current events, keep up to date on legislation affecting their population group, and advocate for their rights. With discounts we would be able to better utilize our funds to ensure that more people receive more opportunities to learn.

Let me thank you again for the work you do. Please do not let the corporate giants who control the telecommunication system take away the effectiveness of the bill by implementing back -door proposals. Of course they will claim that their profit margins will drop but we all know that in reality a billion dollar corporation can certainly weather a slight drop in the name of education.

Sincerely,
John Holdridge



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The Honorable Susan Ness
Commissioner
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

On behalf of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 15, our superintendent, teachers, and students, I would like to thank you for your dedication and commitment to ensure that all schools have affordable access to the Internet.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that all schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide students distance-learning opportunities. Certainly, the \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all schools and bring services directly to the classroom. Today's students are the work force of tomorrow—that is why this plan and your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is so vital.

Deep discounts for telecommunications services are needed this year. With these savings, School District 15 will be able to purchase additional computers, software, and printers.

We urge the FCC to support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries. I know the students, parents, and teachers of School District 15 are very appreciative for your efforts to support this plan.

Sincerely,

Nancy B. Murtaugh
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Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am an instructor from the Center for Advanced Technologies, Altoona, 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.

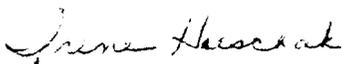
The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, 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 Center for Advanced Technologies, a nationally recognized technology education center, will then be better able to ensure that all of the classrooms through our district will be affordably connected to the Internet. It is important for our educators in Altoona to prepare our students to exit school with the technology skills they will need to survive in the workplace. It is vitally important for the economic development of our "rust belt" region to encourage the settlement of new business's in Altoona. This can only be accomplished with a technology enriched local workforce. The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will help guarantee our regions growth.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Irene Huschak
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Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am a faculty and technology committee member from Regional School District #17, Haddam-Killingworth, in Connecticut, and would like to thank you and the FCC Commissioners for your dedication in ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

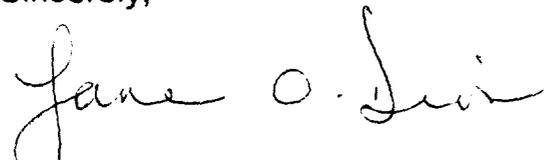
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Discounts provided through the proposed Joint Board's plan will enable our rural district of 5 schools to provide equal access to telecommunications in all schools and classrooms. We are extremely limited at this time due to telephone line charges being charged at commercial rates.

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 services for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jane O. Dion



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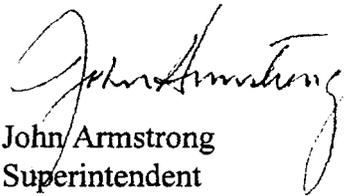
Dear Commissioner Ness:

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

I am writing to request your support of telecommunication discounts for schools and libraries in our nation. As the superintendent of a school district in Michigan that services over 9,000 students a year, we have made a commitment to providing our students with the necessary technology to prepare them for the future. However, the ongoing cost of meeting this challenge is overwhelming in an era of reduced funding for education. The education rate contained in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 for schools and libraries will go a long way towards helping us to contain our telecommunication costs while providing a comprehensive educational experience for our students. Important to this effort will be the inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts as well. If we are to prepare our young people to meet the ever increasing demands of the work force of tomorrow, it is absolutely essential that the "e-rate" be maintained as originally recommended.

Your support of the Joint Board's discount plan for universal services for schools and libraries is sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,


John Armstrong
Superintendent

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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I would like to offer my wholehearted support for your efforts and dedication in ensuring that school districts in the country will have discounted telecommunication services.

I understand the current proposal, recommended by a Federal-State Joint Board established by the FCC will provide opportunities to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will certainly help the needs of all our schools in allowing services to be brought directly to the classrooms. Your plan is vital for preparing our students for the future.

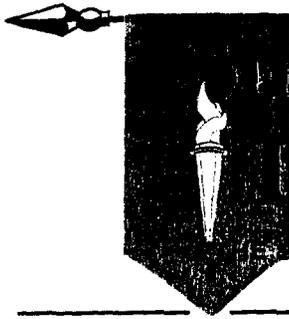
I strongly urge the FCC to support the proposal for affordable access to the Information Superhighway for our schools.

Sincerely,



Ron Madruga
Superintendent

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Sumter School District 17

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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Ness:

As superintendent of Sumter School District 17, I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to communications technology in the twenty-first century.

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 will provide distance-learning opportunities for rural schools and smaller schools. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools and will bring services directly to the classroom. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital and essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

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,

Andrena E. Ray
Superintendent

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Unified School District #230



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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness,

I am the school board vice president for Spring Hill Unified School District No. 230 in Spring Hill, Kansas. 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 more 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.

Our district has been using grant funds to equip classrooms and labs with up-to-date computer equipment. Now we need help to allow our students to learn and communicate globally.

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.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carmen Ellis
Board Vice President

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Dear Commimssioner Ness:

I am the Director for New Media from Oakland Schools, a regional educational service agency in Michigan, 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.

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

In my region a state grant seeded high speed connections to the Internet for all public school districts (49), a number of charter, private and parochial schools (10), two community colleges and their collective eight campuses, and one university. Each of these educational agencies has committed to a five year contract for annual membership fees. While many classroom connections are complete and allow students to interact with Internet resources regularly, others do not. The proposed discounts would ensure that all classrooms would be connected offering equity of opportunity to all students. In additions a video layer would be added to the existing data network. It is likely that all of this could be done with annual fees remaining relatively stable. The resulting video and data distributed learning environment would open the "intellectual doors" to each and every student in our region, bringing the best there is to offer to everyone.

Our students need these deep discount prices now. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service to schools and libraries. I furthermore encourage you to include all school buildings (schools and administrative). Please support a process that a method of implementation that ensures some level of funding for all (not first-come-first-serve) across states and districts within states. I am hopeful that these discounts will be available to consortium of districts by September 1997.

Sincerely,

Janet M. Van Dam, Ed.D., Director
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