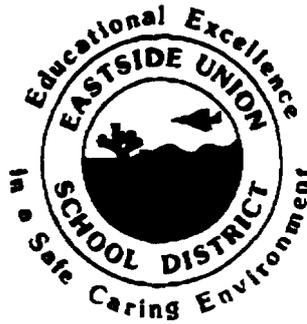


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Superintendent



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

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

SUNSHINE PERIOD

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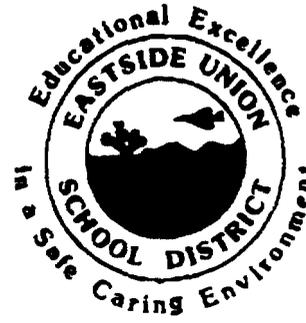
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Board of Trustees  
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Commissioner James H. Quello  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street NW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket NO. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

As president of the Education Association of Charles County Maryland which represents over 1,000 educators, I am writing in support of the Universal Service discounts for schools and libraries that have been recommended by the Joint Board.

We 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,

*Bob Sondheimer*

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President

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WE are faculty and staff from *Lockett High* in Maryland. We are writing in support of the Universal Service discounts for schools and libraries that have been recommended by the Joint Board.

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April 24, 1997

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

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Co./Dept.	FCC		C.C.C. OFFICE OF ED.		
Phone #	202/418-2000		510/942-3780		
Fax #	202/418-2802		510/942-0875		

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Pamela Mirabella, President  
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James Quello, Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW, Room 802  
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

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Sincerely,

*Al Christenson*

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President  
Board of Education

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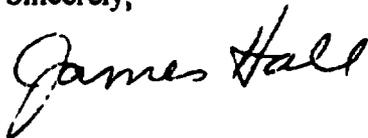
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*Gwen Pacheco*

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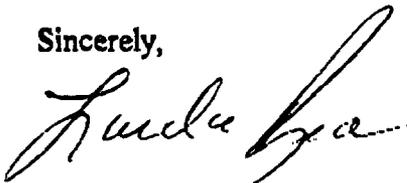
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Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

*Linda L. Smith*

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# Vacaville Unified School District

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

## SUNSHINE PERIOD

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Mr. Quello:

I am writing to you in regard to the federal "E-RATE" Telecommunications Discount Program. I am a locally elected School Board Member from the Vacaville 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,

  
William Hausler  
Board of Education  
Vacaville Unified School District

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# Washington Colony School District

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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

*Robert E. Dack*

# Media Services / Technology / Foreign Language

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

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am a Technology Coordinator from Dearborn Public Schools 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 opportunities.

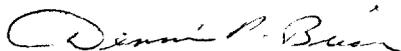
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Our intent is to provide all student use computers in classrooms, microcomputer labs and media centers with the ability to access the Internet. Presently, we are planning to install expensive infrastructure which will provide local area networking (LAN) capabilities for each of our buildings. Allowing for inexpensive Internet services will relieve our school district of the burden of an unaffordable expense if we were to consider service to all of our student computers.

In addition, our district would like to take advantage of distance learning applications which would provide professional development activities for our teachers and additional higher level course offerings for our students which presently cost prohibitive.

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,



Dennis Briar  
Coordinator Media/Technology/Foreign Language

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# WOODLAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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MARIAN C. ARROWSMITH, PRINCIPAL  
JEAN KRIEGER, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



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April 8, 1997

Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am a teacher from Woodlake Elementary School in St. Tammany Parish, Mandeville, Louisiana 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,

*Lynette Davis*

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Casey Ann Quinn*  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher

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**WAYNE COUNTY**  
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April 14, 1997

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 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 844  
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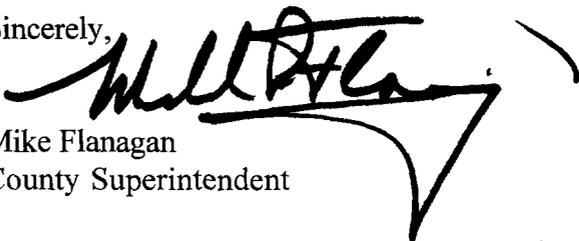
On behalf of the 500,000 children in Wayne County, I am urging you to guarantee equal access to technology for all of these children by adopting the recommendations on universal service proposed by the Federal-State Joint Board. These recommendations would mean deep discounts -- 20% - 90% off Internet access charges and other telecommunication services -- for schools and libraries.

My community of Wayne County, Michigan has incredible diversity — it is home to some of the wealthiest and the poorest communities in our nation. Unfortunately, the quality of education that our 500,000 children receive is largely determined by where they live in the county. These proposed rules on universal service, however, would be a first step to improving equity in Wayne County. These discounts would remove the primary barrier that is making it difficult for our poorer districts to take full advantage of the Internet.

By providing rapid access to raw resources, the Internet is an amazing educational tool. And since the discounts will be the greatest for districts with high rates of poverty, many of those in Wayne County would greatly benefit. Imagine what an advantage our children would have in the future if they could become comfortable with the Internet and other telecommunication services today!

I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal services for schools. On behalf of the 500,000 children in Wayne County, thank you for your assistance in this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

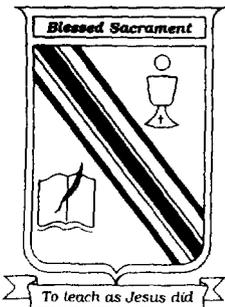


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*Blessed Sacrament School*  
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The Honorable James Quello, Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
Room 844  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Docket NO. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am the principal of Blessed Sacrament School in the Diocese of Savannah. I would like to thank you for your dedication to ensure that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Highway.

The Telecommunication Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance - learning opportunities.

In our technology plan, we plan to connect to the Internet, install four TV/VCR units, and place three computers in the classrooms, media center, and computer lab for the 1997-98 school year. We applied for a grant to add three additional CD-Rom computers to our lab.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunication services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal services to schools. Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns.

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Butler  
Principal

cc: Reverend Jeremiah J. McCarthy, Pastor

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The Art Institute of Chicago

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To The Honorable James Quello:

**Re: CC Docket 96-45 -- Universal Service to Libraries and Schools.** I am writing in support of the discounts for libraries and schools as envisioned by the Federal-State Joint Board in their Recommended Rules published last November.

If adopted, the Recommended Rules will allow libraries and schools significant discounts for the telecommunications and critical, non-telecommunications services necessary to assure that all of our libraries and schools are connected to the Internet and other on-line resources that are needed to live, learn, work and create in an increasingly information-driven world.

Congress passed the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with the clear intent of ensuring that libraries and schools would be able to access the latest technology. By allowing significant discounts on telecommunications and related services, the Joint Board has accurately recognized the needs of schools and libraries that must constantly upgrade their facilities and services in order to remain connected and competitive. A better educated populace benefits all of society.

I also wish to express the opinion that the language of the final rules regarding universal service should explicitly state that:

- **the word "schools" includes ALL educational institutions (not just public schools) and all levels (college/university as well as K-12);**
- **ALL libraries (not just public libraries) are considered educational institutions.**

By way of our many consortial agreements, interlibrary loan services, special collections access and guest privileges, "private" college libraries such as the one in which I work serve patron groups far wider than their own school populations. We also play an important role in providing information services to our local citizens and to the national scholarly community. Our ability to both give and receive information services depends on timely, reliable Internet access. Please convey these recommendations to the members of the Federal Communications Commission and the Illinois Commerce Commission on my behalf.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Claire Eike

cc: AJ, CB, JL, AC

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Federal Communications Commission

The Honorable Commissioner Quello  
Federal Communications Commission  
1010 Main Street, NW, Room 844  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am a teacher from Putnam County School District, Florida, and I would like to thank you for your dedication 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 most importantly, the plan will provide services for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Beasley Middle School as well as other schools in our district was recently retrofitted for the internet. We want our students to be able to learn vital skills necessary to become productive workers and informed citizens of our great nation as we enter the next millennium. In order for us to accomplish these goals, we will need discounts for telecommunications services this year. Without discounts, students will not be able to make the best use of money already spent on retrofitting our schools. As a taxpayer and educator I want the dollars spent to reap the most efficient results.

For these reasons, I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan to provide universal service for schools and libraries today and in years to come.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Betty J. Jackson, Teacher

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The Honorable James Quello  
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Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am Susan E. Blum, Teacher, Mathematics Dept., Mercy High School, Baltimore, 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 Telecommunication 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.

I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you,

  
Susan E. Blum

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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am Erica Barden, Teacher, Mercy High School, Baltimore, 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.

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I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you,

Erica Barden

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Honorable James Quello: Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street NW Room 844  
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Dear Commissioner Quello:

**RE: CC Docket 96-45: Universal Service to Schools and Libraries**

I am writing in strong support of the meaningful discounts for schools and libraries as envisioned by the Federal-State Joint Board in their Recommended Rules published last November.

The Recommended Rules allows schools and libraries significant discounts for the telecommunications and **critical, non-telecommunications** services necessary to assure that **all** of our schools are connected to the Internet and other on-line resources that are critical to live, learn and work in an increasingly information driven world.

Congress passed the Telecommunications Act of 1966 with the clear intent of insuring that schools and libraries would be able to access the latest technology. By allowing significant discounts on telecommunications services, local wiring and Internet access, the Joint Board has accurately recognized the needs of poorer schools that cannot afford the internal wiring necessary to connect with the Internet. By allowing telco and non-telco carriers to compete for the discounts, the Joint Board has also recognized the need for diverse technologies to serve the diverse urban and rural areas of the state.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter that helps not only our schools and libraries, but us all. A better educated community benefits everyone!

Sincerely,

*Ron Stanley*  
*Mary Stanley*

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May 1, 1997

James Quello, Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M St. NW, Room 802  
Washington, D.C. 20054

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I write in support of meaningful discounts on telecommunications services for schools and libraries so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology. The Telecommunications Act - through its Universal Service Fund provisions - mandates the development of special discount rates for all schools and libraries so that they can secure services at affordable prices.

There is no doubt that advanced telecommunications services are important to improving learning, sparking the imagination and leveling the playing field for all our nation's people. Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will assure that our children and life-learners can connect with the technology they would need 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 21st century. As of now our school system is unable to afford Internet capabilities to extend access to each classroom. Our local telephone company has been reluctant to give our schools reduced rates. We would like for our students to have the same opportunities that are afforded to students in more affluent areas. Without the passage of the Telecommunications Act, there is very little hope that we will ever be able to provide this opportunity.

Last November, the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service sent to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) a set of recommendations for implementing the Universal Service Fund provisions related to the schools and libraries. These recommendations would give our learning institutions significant discounts on all services that are commercially available, with deeper discounts for those schools and libraries least able to pay and more expensive to service. All schools would get discounts on connections to classrooms and Internet connectivity, both of which are essential to providing the most advanced learning opportunities to the greatest number of students.

I urge your support for the Joint Board's recommendations. Taken as a whole, they will provide affordable discounts for a full range of services needed to meet each community's diverse needs. Most importantly, these provisions, if adopted by the FCC, will make advanced technology for learning available to all Americans.

Sincerely,

Mildred C. Bowen (Paraprofessional)

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May 5, 1997

Commissioner Jim Quello, Democrat  
Fax: (202) 418-2802

Dear Mr. Quello:

Approximately four years ago, Madison Medical Center attempted a tele-radiology program with Missouri Baptist Medical Center in St. Louis, Missouri; however, due to the extreme cost of the necessary phone lines, MMC was unable to afford the tele-radiology program. We would appreciate the opportunity to participate in tele-medicine programs if they were more affordable. I am in full support of reduced rates so that rural communities would have better access to care from larger institutions.

If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Floyd D. Bounds  
Administrator

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Rosemary M. Pope