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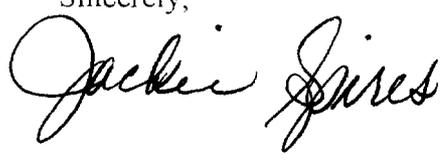
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Commissioners
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Dear Commissioner Quello:

We are writing to request your support to vote on the universal service policy which is part of the implementation of the telecommunications Act of 1996. The key provision of the Act mandates the FCC to direct Telecommunications subsidies to schools, libraries and rural healthcare providers. As a rural health provider, we are extremely concerned about the effect of continuing the current rates and the potential for providing the services through this medium. The key to the provisions is the fact that distance charges currently prohibit most providers from the distance charges on a monthly basis. Without the subsidization of distance charges, the Telecommunication Acts benefits for rural health providers would be minimal.

Although we are fortunate to have non-toll charge access to an Internet service provider, it is clear that in other areas this is not available. Therefore, the proposal to support ISP charges is requested to also be supported in this vote so that improved access for information and services may be achieved for rural providers.

Thank you for your important consideration of these facts. Your positive vote in support of the universal service policy would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Gary W. Mitchell in cursive.

Gary W. Mitchell, CHE
Chief Executive Officer

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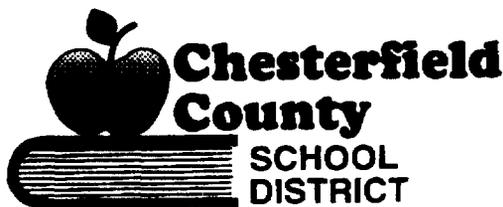
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The Honorable James Quello, Commissioner
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1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am a superintendent from Chesterfield County School District, 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 work force of tomorrow.

In Chesterfield County, we now have twelve of our fifteen schools wired throughout and on line. Four other facilities are scheduled.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year to fully utilize the available potential.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Renfro C. Manning
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Superintendent

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

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I strongly support meaningful discounts for libraries and schools, as envisioned by the Federal-State Board in their Recommended Rules published last November.

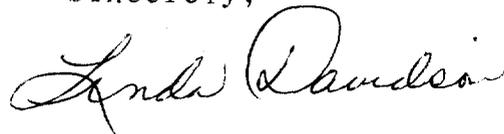
These Rules allow for discounted telecommunication and critical non-telecommunication services necessary to keep all public libraries and schools connected to the internet and other on-line resources. These services are sometimes, in our small towns, the only access many people have.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 clearly intended broad access, but without significant discounts, the schools and library in Georgetown will not be able to purchase the internal wiring for connection.

The Joint Board also recommended wide competition for the discounted service. Telecommunication and non-telco carriers should be encouraged to vie for business throughout the state, rural or urban, to keep user costs down.

Thank you for your attention to this matter on behalf of our library and schools. Feel free to advise if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,



Linda Davidson, Librarian
Georgetown Public Library

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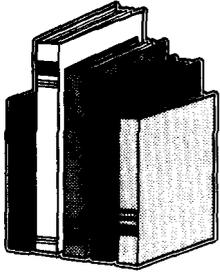
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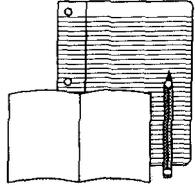
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Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 802
Washington, D.C. 20554

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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 El Tejon 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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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 Connor
President, Board of Trustees

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McCormick County School District
821 North Mine Street
McCormick, South Carolina 29835

Charles Parnell
Superintendent

April 21, 1997

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

MAY 6 1997

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am a superintendent from your school district name, 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.

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Our district has one of the lowest tax bases in the state. Therefore, sufficient funds are not available to meet technology needs. Our students will not be technology literate and our teachers will not have access to technology for instructional purposes, without sufficient assistance.

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.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Parnell".
Charles Parnell
Superintendent

