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USAC – Schools and Libraries Correspondence Unit  
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Dear Ms. Allen:

I appreciate your patience with me in submitting required documentation for the Program Compliance team. My wife has had some health issues recently and I have been pre-occupied ensuring her medical needs.

I am writing this letter in response to your correspondence received 2 days ago, on Jan 6. According to your letter, our school eligibility for the e-rate program is being questioned therefore funds received in 2008 thru 2013 are being rescinded.

I respectfully ask that you review our school eligibility under Non-traditional facilities and students. As indicated under USAC “School and Library Eligibility” section:  
“Specific eligibility of Head Start, pre-kindergarten ....can be found under Non-traditional Education.”

In addition, USAC’s definition of Non-traditional Education/Students:  
“Pre-kindergarten students are eligible for funding if the law in that state includes pre-kindergarten education within its definition of elementary education”.

We are active participants with the Florida Office of Early Learning Coalition through our VPK program for over 10 years. Our VPK classrooms are fully equipped with computers connected to the internet and focus on literacy and an adjusted curriculum to provide the most appropriate education to our four year olds. Our goal is to provide a head start to these children so the transition into kindergarten is smooth. Higher supply costs and teacher salaries in our VPK classrooms increase overall budget pressures for our school. We really appreciate the e-rate program and the ability it has provided for us to keep and further advance these VPK classrooms every year.

Moreover, in an effort to alleviate local grade school crowding, particularly kindergarten classrooms, we have also worked with the Florida Department of Education to implement a kindergarten classroom in our school. I am happy to say we achieved that last year and our goal is to fill the classroom in 2015.

I respectfully ask that you review our eligibility as it relates to the Non-traditional facilities and students section under USAC eligibility. We are committed to early childhood education and every dollar to help us do that counts.

Sincerely,

Saeed Mahmoodi