



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DURAND

Our Vision: Our children will be respectful, responsible and resourceful.
Our Mission: To stimulate, facilitate and educate.

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In the Matter of

Revitalization of the AM Radio Service

MB Docket No. 13-249

This is a comment regarding the NPRM #13-249 regarding the "Revitalization of the AM Radio Service". This comment is from Greg Doverspike, District Administrator for the School District of Durand, and is in support of Brian Winnekins, owner of WRDN-1430 AM in Durand, WI.

Upon being hired in Durand a few of years ago, after a four year absence, I heard about the radio station being back on the air. Over the past four years I have heard and seen WRDN at every football game, all road basketball games, spring sports events, and various civic events. The coverage of the athletic events is just a small part of the support we have received from Brian and WRDN. WRDN is a resource for us to get out valuable school information and helps us promote our school system. Brian is frequently in school looking to interview someone in the school system to help us promote the great things that we are doing. This is a relationship that has helped us pass two referendums in the past four years and inform the community of the great things happening in the school.

Along with the benefit to the school district, WRDN has been a large civic presence in our community. WRDN is often found supporting, through their attendance or public service announcements, the local events going on in our community. These events are the life blood of all small communities and provide the identity that makes living in a small town special.

Their civic duty goes beyond the support of events, they are also one avenue used in our community to notify the public of serve weather and other potential natural disasters. We are a distance from any major market, so Durand is often left out when notifying the public of impending natural disasters. The ability of WRDN to "turn up" their power at night would allow them to reach out to those community members that live outside the reaches of our city siren. This is essential to the safety and security of our district residents.

I would also support the commission's proposal to allow stations like WRDN to increase their daytime power. Again this would allow better coverage for local events and news that is important to our school

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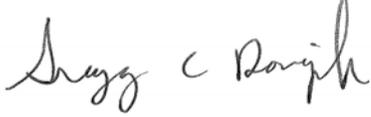
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district residents, some of whom live in areas with large power lines that adversely affect WRDN's signal at their current power levels.

It is these local AM stations that are the life blood for many people to stay connected to their local teams to listen to their grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors, and students they have supported during the year. I hope you will consider this request and think about the impact this will have on the small towns across America as we cling on to a small town and school identity. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg C Doverspike". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "G".

Greg Doverspike
District Administrator