



# SCHOOL DISTRICT 133

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EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Application Number: 142226  
Date of Issuance of Funding  
Commitment Decision Letter: 10/19/99  
Date Appeal Received: 1/24/00

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When our district was able to fill the vacant position, in January, we appealed the funding decision.

Our district operates on very limited resources and can hardly afford the loss of funds, which was caused by an employee who abruptly resigned.

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We would appreciate any consideration you can give to our request. Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Essie M. Harris'.

Essie M. Harris,  
Superintendent

EMH/jr

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January 31, 2000

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SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES DIVISION

*Rosalind  
Menderson  
Please follow  
up. JMK*

### Administrator's Decision on Appeal

March 25, 2000

Essie M. Harris  
General George S. Patton SD 133  
13700 Stewart Ave.  
Riverdale, IL 60827

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Re: Application Number:	<u>18226</u>
Funding Year	<u>1999-2000</u>
Date of Issuance of Funding Commitment Decision Letter:	<u>10/19/99</u>
Date Appeal Received:	<u>01/24/00</u>

*Funding year 2*

We earlier sent you a letter indicating that our records showed that your appeal was received more than 30 days after the date your Funding Commitment Decisions Letter was issued (see dates above). That letter indicated that we were awaiting guidance from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on whether there are any situations in which we could consider such appeals. The FCC has advised us that its rules require applicants to submit appeals so USAC/SLD receives them within 30 days of the date that the relevant Funding Commitment Decision Letter was issued. (See "SLD Procedure for Post-Commitment Appeals" at <http://www.sl.universalservice.com/sld/10postcommit.asp>.) The FCC rules do not permit the SLD to consider your appeal. If you wish to continue this process, you may submit a new appeal, stating the impediment to your filing your appeal within the original time, to the FCC at the following address:

*Use this  
address*

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Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

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