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The Honorable Sherwood Boehlert  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

Dear Congressman Boehlert:

Thank you for your letter expressing the concerns of Mr. Lawrence Zacher regarding the application filed by the Whitesboro Central School of Yorkville, New York, for support under the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism. As you know, the Commission has taken significant steps to promote access to telecommunications services in schools and libraries pursuant to section 254(h) of the Communications Act of 1934.

Consistent with our obligation to review appeals of decisions made by the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company, we currently have the Whitesboro Central School's appeal under consideration. Although I am unable to comment on the merits of this appeal while it remains under review, I will ensure that your letter is placed on the record for consideration in this proceeding. We expect to issue a decision on the appeal in the near future. A copy of the decision will be sent to the Whitesboro Central School.

Thank you for your interest in this important issue. Please contact the Accounting Policy Division at 202-418-7400 if you have any additional questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark Seifert  
Deputy Chief, Accounting Policy Division  
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