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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Dear Sirs:

This letter of appeal is in reference to the SLD's E-Rate Administrator Decision on Appeal Funding Year 2000-2001 dated March 7, 2001. It specifically relates to Form Application Number 200217 for Funding Year 3, Billed Entity Number 27672 (Lake County School District). Reference CC Docket # 96-45 and 97-21.

That letter indicated that funding was **denied in full** for
Funding Request Number 437629, 437631, and 437637.

The explanation given was that since we filed for an individual school, we had to use the discount matrix and that the administrator did not have the power to change program rules set forth by the FCC.

The particular school for application number 2002173 is Beverly Shores Elementary School. This school fell into the 80% matrix based on the number of students enrolled in the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program.

The Lake County School District filed individual Form 471s for each school in the district. As a consequence of filing individual forms, the district was forced to use the chart associated with Column 7, Item 10b on Block 4 to determine the discount percentage.

Lake County Schools does not question the decision to cut off funding to those sites below the 81% discount level. The school system, however, sincerely believes that funding was unfairly denied because of the limitations on the chart. Had the district been granted the ability to prorate between the 80 and 90 percent levels, the number of students on free and reduced lunch at this school would have yielded a discount above the 80 percent figure that was required for funding. In that event, the school would have fallen well into the 81% or greater category. Specifically, this school percentage in Free and Reduced Lunch Program was 61.58%. Prorated, the school would have fallen into the 84.5% discount matrix.

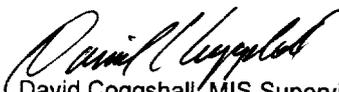
I respectfully request that you review the SLD decision in this matter and allow the discount matrix to be assigned according to the true numbers of students on the Free and Reduced Lunch Program and a prorated discount for this school.

If you need to discuss this matter further, please contact the person in our department responsible for E-rate applications:

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Thank you for your kind consideration in this regard.

Sincerely,


David Coggs, MIS Supervisor
Lake County Schools

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