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Reference: CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 **FCC MAIL ROOM**

Billed Entity Number: 128071
471 Application Number: 187227
Funding Request Number(s): 393119, 393307, 393505, 339807

Please consider this letter an appeal to, The Schools and Libraries Division decision to **deny in full**, the Funding Request Numbers listed above.

Our appeal was denied based on the eligibility of a "area vocational center". To clarify our school district's campus network and the definition of the "area vocational center" our appeal is based on the following two points:

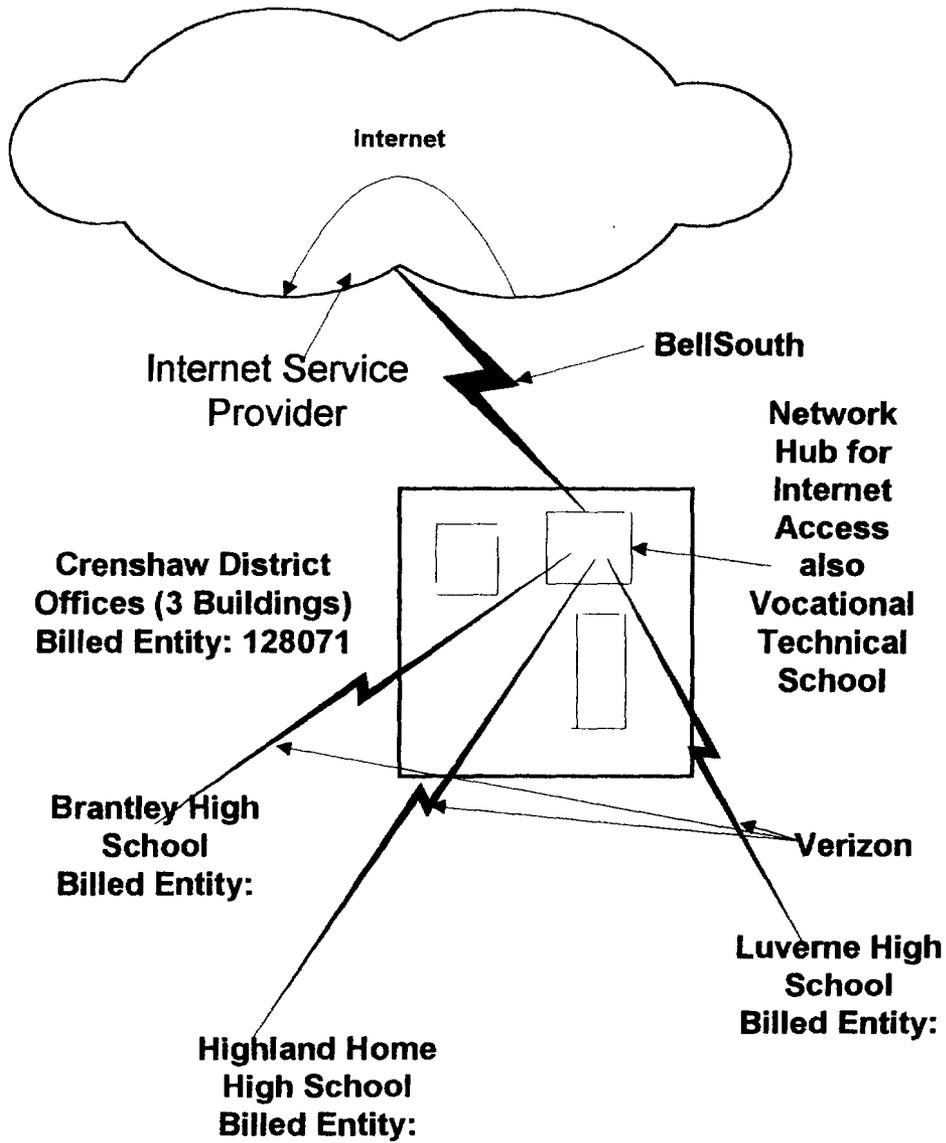
- (1) The district office and the "area vocational center" are one in the same and housed in the same building. The district office is a valid entity and is the hub of our network (see attached diagram). District office staff are housed in this building. Bringing the Internet to the central office is the most cost effective method
- (2) In addition to being a district office the "area vocational center" is also the vocational technical school with eligible students attending. A section of the building has classrooms and students from the surrounding schools that attend for particular vocational classes.

Based on the above two points we request another review of the eligibility of our central office that is listed as the "area vocational center".

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Administrator's Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 2000-2001

March 16, 2001

Reba Mason
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Re: Billed Entity Number: 128071
471 Application Number: 187227
Funding Request Number(s): 393119, 393307, 393505, 339807
Your Correspondence Dated: 4 letters dated July 24, 2000

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has made its decision in regard to your appeal of SLD's Year Three Funding Commitment Decision for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD's decision. The date of this letter begins the 30-day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). If your letter of appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that for each application for which an appeal is submitted, a separate letter is sent.

Funding Request Number: 393119, 393307, 393505, 339807
Decision on Appeal: **Denied in full**
Explanation:

- Your appeal letters address the issue of the Vocational Center being identified as an ineligible entity and request funding for it
- Your original Form 471 submission does not include this entity in Block 4. Your appeal requests additional funds for an entity that was not included in the Form 471 in regard to which you are appealing SLD's funding decision.
- FCC rules require that funding requests be made on Forms 471. *See 47 C.F.R. § 54.504.* Funding requests may not be made on appeals of SLD funding commitment decisions. Whether your request can be considered for funding will depend on the date your Form 471 is received and, if it is received after the close of the filing window, whether funds are available. *See 47 C.F.R. § 54.507(g).* Consequently,

SLD denies your appeal insofar as it requests funding for an entity not requested in the Form 471, which forms the basis of this appeal.

If you believe there is a basis for further examination of your application, you may file an appeal with the Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Please reference CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 on the first page of your appeal. Before preparing and submitting your appeal, please be sure to review the FCC rules concerning the filing of an appeal of an Administrator's Decision, which are posted on the website at <www.universalservice.org>. **You must file your appeal with the FCC no later than 30 days from the date on this letter for your appeal to be filed in a timely fashion.**

We thank you for your continued support, patience, and cooperation during the appeal process.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company