

Dear Federal Communications Commission,

I am a member of a small rural school district which very often relies on government programs to sustain our abilities to teach our students in today's educational environment.

The current proposed amendments in Proceeding 96-45 which will fully fund ERate Year-4 "Internal Connections" to those school districts which did not receive funding under those guidelines in Year-3 would greatly benefit school rural districts across the country such as ours, that are yearning to continue providing a quality education to our students while struggling with outdated computer and network equipment.

I urge the Commission to adopt the recommended changes to the funding priority in Proceeding 96-45, Part VII, Section A, Paragraphs 8 to 11, as follows:

Re-prioritize funding commitments toward ERate/Year-4/Internal Connections as a first priority for school districts not receiving funds for such purposes during the Year-3 part of the program.

It is my opinion that the infrastructure of a school district should have a greater priority over the "paying" of general telephone or internet fees, and would also like the FCC to consider making the commitment to also fund those school districts who may not qualify under the guidelines described above.

Thank you very much in advance for your time to consider these changes to your policy.

Respectfully