

BLOOMINGDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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Letter of Appeal #1 - Request for Waiver

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 - 12th Street, SW
Washington DC 20554

RE: CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21
Bloomington School District 13
Billed Entity Number: 135371

Form 471 Application Number 236639
Funding Year 4: 07/01/2001-06/30/2002

Form 486 Application Number 170943
Funding Year 4: 07/01/2001-06/30/2002
FRNs 555297, 555338, 555464, 555535, 555587, and 555676

To Whom It May Concern:

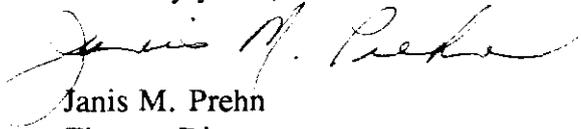
This letter is to appeal a decision to change the service start date from July 1, 2001 to December 28, 2001 on all of the above referenced FRNs. The year 4 CIPA deadline of October 28, 2001 was cited as the reason for making the change. Since our district did not receive our Funding Commitment Decision letter until December 18, 2001 (see attached copy of fax transmittal sheet) it was *impossible* to file Form 486 until after that date.

Because the E-Rate process is an ongoing one, we are continually filing forms for one funding year or another. We had completed the forms for year three during the summer, and knew we had successfully applied for year four. Unfortunately, we didn't realize that we hadn't received the FCD letter until we began the application process for year 5. In fact, in a meeting with colleagues from other districts, we were asked if we had received our FCD letter because several others had not. Apparently, the problem is more widespread than just our district. Except for this one instance, we have never had a problem receiving E-Rate correspondence. Our technology coordinator Nanci Greene immediately contacted Universal Service and obtained a fax copy. We filed the appropriate forms as quickly as possible, even though it was during our Christmas holiday break.

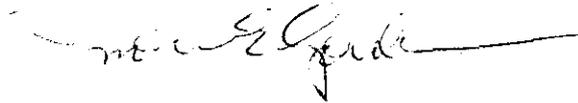
The funding requests listed on page 1 are all for continuous telecommunications and internet access services. We have received full year funding for these services in years 1, 2, and 3. The FCD letter for year 4 lists the service start dates as July 1, 2001. It seems unfair to take away funding when we have done everything possible under the circumstances.

It is my hope that you will take our appeal under consideration, especially since we did not receive our original funding commitment decision letter in a timely manner. Anything you can do to facilitate our funding for year four without penalizing our district will be greatly appreciated. I can be contacted by phone at (630) 893-9590, by fax at (630) 893-1818, or by e-mail at jprehn@sd13.org.

Sincerely yours,



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Superintendent

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SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES DIVISION
CLIENT OPERATIONS

FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

TO: NANCY GREENE,
BLOOMINGDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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FROM: PRUDENCE E. BACON, CLIENT
OPERATIONS

TOTAL NUMBER OF PAGES
INCLUDING COVER: 8

DATE: DECEMBER 18, 2001

RECIPIENT'S FAX NUMBER: 630-893-
9336

SENDER'S FAX NUMBER: 973-884-8217

RECIPIENT'S PHONE NUMBER:

SENDER'S PHONE NUMBER: 888-203-8100

RE: FCDL FOR FY4 - 471# 236639

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FOR REVIEW

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