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REAVIS MATH/SCIENCE SPECIALTY SCHOOL
834 E. 50TH STREET
CHICAGO, IL 60615

May 2, 2002

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12 Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Docket Numbers. 96-45 and 97-21

Dear Sir or Madam:

In this appeal, the Technology Coordinator for the Reavis Math/Science Specialty School asks the Commission to review the decision of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), our appeal was received more than 60 days after the date of the funding Commitment Decision Letter was issued. We ask the Commission to allow us to submit a new appeal via the United States Postal Service.

Background

Uncertainty as to the eligibility of the USAC to review the E-Rate eligibility without letters showing sufficient support resources. I had misplaced a letter that demonstrated we had secured access to the funds necessary to pay non-discount charges: my being remiss cause our denial. I requested for another letter in which I had to contribute to our delay in responding to attain a signature. The Chief Financial Officer was out of the country and his signature was not immediately attained. Finally, upon acquiring the Chief Financial Officer, I irresponsible sent the appeal letter after 60 days.

Appeal request:

By this appeal, I wish to continue this process, therefore, I am submitting a new appeal via the United States Postal Service.

Sincerely,

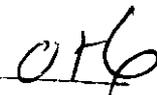


Mable McMiller
Technology Coordinator

USAC
U.S. Senator, Dick Durbin
U.S. Senator, Peter Fitzgerald
U.S. Congressman, Bobby Rush

Enclosures:

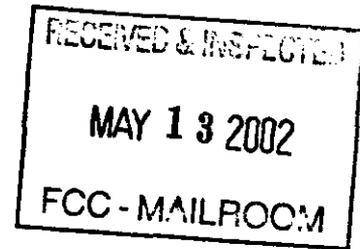
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June 11th, 2001

Dear Ms McMiller,

It is our pleasure to provide a corporate donation in the amount of \$53,682.62 for William Claude Reavis school to enable the full scope of your computer network project to be completed, provided this school is awarded funding from USAC \ Schools and Libraries Division. We believe the education of our children has a great impact on the future of our society, and we would like to do everything possible to enhance their development.

As a communications vendor we wish to continue to provide you with the best quality products and services available, and we will help you in any way possible to further the education of our children.

Respectfully,

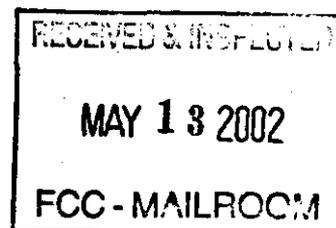
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FEBRUARY 25, 2002

Letter of Appeal
Schools and Libraries Division
Box 125 - Correspondence Unit
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Re: Form 471 Application Number: 266380
Funding Request Number: 673999
SPIN: 143005291
Contract Number: REA-1001-2K01
Site Identifier: 70212
Pre-Discount Amount:
Funding Year 4: 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2002
Billed Entity Number: 70212

Attention: Funding Commitment Committee

To comply with the Funding Commitment Committee, concerning the necessary funds to pay the non-discount charges, I am informing the Funding Commitment Committee that I have secured matching funds necessary to pay the non-discount charges. We have funds for the matching portion of the E-Rate grant, which is \$8,000.

As the principal of Reavis Math/Science Specialty School, I am fully in support of the development and implementation of the innovative programs which will help ensure the necessary support the students, parents, teachers and community need to explore opportunities is using Video Conferencing and distance learning.

I request the E-Rate to provide video conferencing and distance learning for our school community. The matching funds will be transferred from our State Chapter 1 Funds.

Sincerely,

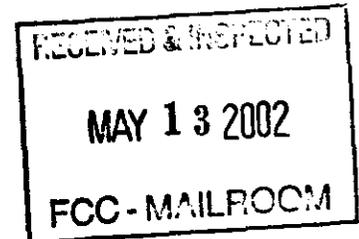
Dr. Sherman Chambers
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Attention: Funding Commitment Committee

The purpose of this letter is to inform this committee that Reavis has secured funds to pay the non-discount charges. In July of 2001, Reavis submitted the application and provided information where we were seeking funds.

Enclosed are two letters demonstrating that Reavis has secured access to the funds necessary to pay the non-discount charges of \$61,682.62. Midwest Communications Services will provide a corporate donation in the amount of \$53,682.62 and Dr. Sherman Chambers, Principal at Reavis Math/Science Specialty School will transfer funds from State Chapter 1 funds for the remaining amount of funds, which is \$8,000.

Reavis would like to take advantage of videoconferencing technology and distance learning for:

- Students to meet with tutors for enrichment, remediation, or a helpful bit of personal attention. This is great way for businesses to support schools.
- Students to take classes that are not offered at their school, such as advanced honors or foreign language
- Providing Video Conferencing and distance learning to schools in walking distance of Reavis, to take courses from the community colleges that offer classes during off-hours to students, parents, community and teachers who cannot attend traditional classes.

- Community colleges to team up with businesses to offer employee training or certification for our parents from Reavis and the other schools in walking distance.
- Teachers to team-teach with remote teachers, sharing subject matter expertise or a unique approach to a topic.
- A librarian or media specialist to offer an introduction to library services and library tours for all local schools in the walking distance of Reavis School.

People with relatively poor access to computers and technology such as using the video conferencing and distance learning suffer disadvantages that stretch beyond the labor market. Unless Reavis is funded, we face an uphill struggle to overcome the skepticism of many people in low-income areas. It is to risky to cut off funds for our school that we have made efforts to provide programs that would help people obtain good jobs and the chance to participate in the affairs of the broader society. For some of our citizens, technology brings the promise of inclusion, opportunity and wealth; and decreases, lesser isolation and poverty.

Reavis School and other community schools in the area who lack exposure to a wide range of facts and ideas those computer-owning classmates have. Area principals and their school communities are involved with Reavis to design programs to access video conferencing and distance learning which will be held at Reavis.

Our school has made progress having access to the Internet that was funded 90% by the Schools and Libraries Division for Year 2 of the E-Rate funds. Consequently, Reavis Math/Science Specialty School ask that the Funding Commitment Committee reconsider the present funding for the Year 4 of the E-Rate funds. Enclosed are two letters of the supportive resources for the matching funds. USAC has enriched the lives of many students, teachers, parents, staff, and community that relies on the E-Rate funding in order to participate in using technology. We appreciate your consideration and trust your judgement will be rewarding to users who can benefit from other increasing importance of technology as the Video Conferencing and Distance Learning that help make their opportunities and training enriched for the jobs and schools of the future.

Sincerely,



Mable McMiller
Technology Coordinator
Reavis Math/Science Specialty School



Administrator's Decision on Appeal

April 2, 2002

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Re: Application Number: 266380
 Funding Year 2001
 Date of Issuance of Funding
 Commitment Decision Letter: 1/11/2002
 Date Appeal Received: 03/27/2002

Our records show that your appeal was received more than 60 days after the date your Funding Commitment Decisions Letter was issued (see dates above). The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules require applicants to submit appeals so USAC/SLD receives them within 60 days of the date that the relevant Funding Commitment Decision Letter was issued. (See "Appeals Procedure" at <http://www.sl.universalservice.org/reference/AppealsProcedureYR4.asp>) The FCC rules do not permit the SLD to consider your appeal. If you wish to continue this process, you may submit a new appeal via the United States Postal Service, stating the impediment to your filing your appeal within the original time, to the FCC at the following address:

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If you are submitting your appeal to the FCC by means other than the United States Postal Service, check the SLD web site for more information. Please reference CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 on the first page of your appeal. **The FCC must RECEIVE your appeal WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE ABOVE DATE ON THIS LETTER for your appeal to be considered filed in a timely fashion.** Further information and new options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD web site, www.sl.universalservice.org, or by contacting the Client Service Bureau at 1-(888)-203-8100.