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RE: E-Rate Letter of Appeal - CC Docket Nos. 96-45
and 97-21
Starkville School District - Billed Entity #128732

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Date: June 9, 2003

Message: See attached Letter of Appeal and the following documents, which are its attachments. You may receive this appeal via e-mail also. I tried to send it to you via e-mail on June 6, 2003, but we were having trouble with our e-mail server and are not sure whether it will ever reach you as an e-mail message.

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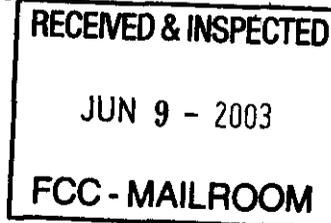


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STARKVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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June 6, 2003



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Letter of Appeal

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

Re: CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21
Appeal to Reverse Denial of Appeal by Schools and Libraries Division
Administrator's Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 2002-2003 dated April 10, 2003
Starkville School District - Billed Entity #128732
Form 471 Application Numbers 314970, 306276, 305788

Dear Sirs:

The Universal Service Administrative Company, Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD"), has denied Starkville School District's appeal to them regarding the above-referenced Form 471 applications. This letter and its attachments are an appeal to you to reverse the denial of appeal decision by the SLD. The school district believes it has good cause to request this reversal because of the following information:

(1) The original Funding Commitment Decision Letters that denied funding for the above-referenced 471 applications were vague and not specific enough in the reason given for the denial. Each of them stated "During application review, you were asked to demonstrate that when you filed your Form 471 you had secured access to the funds needed to pay your portion of the charges, and you were unable to do so." On behalf of the school district, I appealed the denial of funding for certain applications that were of critical importance to the school and ones likely to be funded, including ones which would allow discounts on Internet Service contracts. In my Appeals (see attached copies), I emphasized the district's ability to pay for its discounted share of these applications during the next year and showed evidence from our Accounting records where we had paid our discounted portions in the past year for these same services. I did not understand specifically what the SLD had not liked about my responses to the Selective Review Information Request ("Selective Review"); but I thought the reviewers must think that the school district was somehow receiving services for which it was not paying its discounted portion, and I sought to contradict that impression.

(2) When the SLD responded to the appeals, denying all of them in full, their letter then stated the specific problem with my responses to the Selective Review. The letter stated, in summary, that the problem with my response to the budgetary questions was that I had changed the total non-discounted share of funding from \$133,638.37 to \$116,496.00 and that all of my supporting documentation in my letters of appeal used the \$116,496 figure rather than the \$133,638.37 figure (see the attached copy of the SLD letter). Their letter stated that this was not allowed, since applicants have "to certify that they have secured access to the resources necessary to pay for the non-discounted portions" before the Form 471

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applications are filed. During the Selective Review process, I talked to the reviewer, Laura Ransegnola, several times regarding questions I had about the requests in the review. One of the questions I had was whether or not I could reduce the total amount being requested from \$133,638.37 to \$116,496.00, since I was canceling certain Funding Requests (FRN's) related to purchases that the district had decided not to make. These FRN's were part of a grant application which we had hoped to receive but did not know the outcome of at the time we filed the Form 471 applications. According to my notes in my file regarding responses the reviewer gave to my questions, she told me that it was all right "to state that we would have to withdraw these FRN's because we did not get the grant and include no other documentation." Also, instructions in the Selective Review documents said to "verify that these are the correct sums of your share of the charges." Further the document said to "explain any differences between the applicant share on the Forms 471 you filed and the amounts on the budget that you provide." These statements led me to believe that the total amount should be changed if circumstances had changed since the Form 471 applications were originally filed. After I submitted my responses to the Selective Review to the SLD reviewer, she contacted me two times regarding additional information she needed or changes I needed to make; but she never mentioned to me that changing the amount of the total non-discounted share was a problem.

(3) Even though I now understand that, according to current program rules, a school district may not apply for any services or products that it does not have the non-discounted share either "in hand" or promised prior to filing the Form 471, I did not realize that at the time I filed the Form 471 applications. I did not realize that canceling certain FRN's was at the heart of the problem with my response to the Selective Review; and, therefore, in my appeal to the SLD, I did not respond to the particular issue that they had with my review. Everywhere the non-discounted share is discussed on SLD's website and in their document instructions, the issue that these funds must not come "directly or indirectly from the service provider" is stressed. I was concentrating mainly on this aspect in my response to the Selective Review and in my appeal to the SLD and did not realize that the district must prove it has access to the funds prior to filing the Form 471 applications. For most schools districts in Mississippi, the fiscal years run from July 1 through June 30; and when the Form 471 applications are filed, usually in January, districts do not even have a draft budget for the next fiscal year, to which the Form 471 applications apply. So school districts are always filing the Form 471 applications based on what they project will be in their budgets the next year. So I did not realize that I could not file a Form 471 application based on funds we hoped to receive through a grant.

(4) The applications that are being denied by the SLD are not related in any way to the applications which contained the canceled FRN's and which caused the problem in my response to the Selective Review and later my appeal to the SLD's denials. The canceled FRN's were Internal Connections applications for two schools which would not likely have been funded anyway because the schools are in the 0% discount group, which has not been funded the past three years of the program. Two of the applications which I appealed, however, are for Internet access at all of the district's schools, which is a Priority One service; and the third application is for Internal Connections at the district's one 90% discount school. The Priority One services and the Internal Connections services to the 90% school

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should not be denied because of a mistake I made in the filing of the Form 471 applications that contained the FRN's that were based on the hopes of obtaining a grant and were later canceled.

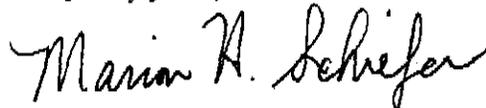
In conclusion, many of the SLD's rules and regulations are complex and multi-leveled. It is difficult for districts to understand all of the implications of some of the statements that are part of these rules. They often need further clarification. After my appeals to the SLD were denied and I read the specific reason that they were denied, I looked at SLD's website under the heading "Obligation to Pay Non-Discount Portion" and I saw that it is clearly stated there now that you must be able to show "if you are obtaining the funds from an outside source, that these funds have been promised to you." However, I noticed that this page on the website had been updated on 02/05/03. I went to the "What's New Archives" section of the website under February, 2003, and saw that one of the reasons the page was being revised was stated as follows: "This document now includes language from other sources on the web site clarifying that applicants must pay the non-discount portion of the costs of goods and services, and they must be able to show that these funds are part of their annual budget." This revision to "clarify" was more than one year after I filed the Form 471 applications that were the subject of the Selective Review and the funding denial for which I later appealed. My letters of appeal, in fact, were dated four months earlier than the SLD's clarification revision; so I believe there should be some understanding of how I might not have realized that the FRN's I canceled and the resulting reduction in the total amount of the non-discounted share when I responded to the Selective Review was the reason for the SLD's denial.

I respectfully request that you reconsider the denial of my appeals and that you reverse the SLD's decision.

Should you have any questions or need to discuss this matter with me, my contact information is listed below:

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Very truly yours,



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Starkville School District, Starkville, Mississippi

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STARKVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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September 26, 2002

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Letter of Appeal

Schools and Libraries Division
Box 125-Correspondence Unit
80 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07981

Re: Funding Commitment Decision Letter dated July 30, 2002
Form 471 Application Number 0000305788, FRN #0000789549
Funding Year 2002: 07/01/2002 - 06/30/2003
Starkville School District - Billed Entity #128732

Dear SLD Reviewer:

Funding for the above-referenced FRN was denied on the basis of "During application review, you were asked to demonstrate that when you filed your Form 471 you had secured access to the funds needed to pay your portion of the charges, and you were unable to do so." First of all, I must say that it is difficult for me to know exactly what documentation to include in this Letter of Appeal. During the E-Rate Selective Review Information Request process, I thought I had provided to the SLD reviewer everything that was requested regarding our school district's ability to pay the Applicant's Share for all of our Form 471 applications. I had no contact from an SLD reviewer that would lead me to believe otherwise. After I sent my response to the Selective Review to the SLD reviewer, I had only two contacts from an SLD reviewer, neither of which were related to the budget or applicant's share portions of my response.

Therefore, two items I am sending to you as documentation for our appeal are duplicates of what was included in the response to the Selective Review. Those are copies of the Item 25 Worksheet Summary: Fax Back Page 1 and a letter from our district's Comptroller, Rob Logan, in which he includes a draft budget and makes comments regarding that draft budget. As additional documentation of our district's budget and our ability to pay our share of the proposed E-Rate eligible expenditures, I am including a copy of the finalized budget form for the fund out of which this particular FRN is to be paid. Also I am including a copy of the Ledger Report from last year's expenditures that shows where we paid our applicant's share for these same services in the previous funding year.

Regarding the Item 25 Worksheet Summary: Fax Back Page 1 which is attached, I explained in my letter to the Selective Review SLD reviewer that I reduced the amounts that were listed to reflect the fact that we were going to cancel some FRN's that were related to a grant we applied for but did not receive. In our Comptroller's letter to the SLD reviewer and the draft budget he included with the letter, a copy of which is also attached, he shows a total of \$116,496 being available to pay our applicant's share of the E-Rate eligible expenditures, which agrees with the 1-B Form 471 Applicant's Share total on the Item 25 Worksheet Summary.

Our applicant's share of this particular FRN will be paid out of our district Technology Department's budget, 1120-2810-340, as it was last year. See the attached REV/EXP ACCT. VS BDG

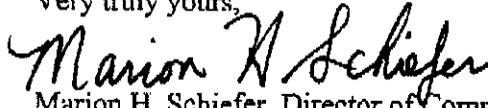
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W/ENCUMBRANCE (Revenue/Expenses Account versus Budget w/Encumbrance) report that our Accounting Department printed for me to show this budget. The total "Annual Budget" on this sheet is more than the draft budget attached to the Comptroller's letter to the SLD reviewer because in that draft budget he did not include employee salaries and related expenses. The other page attached is a copy of a Ledger Report for this same account on which I have highlighted the line item which shows the payment of our applicant's share to this service provider during Funding Year 2001.

I feel all of the above documentation should be adequate proof that our district has the ability to pay our applicant's share for this FRN and also that we have paid our applicant's share for these same services in the past. Our schools MUST have the Internet access on which they have become dependent for teaching and learning; and, if our appeal is not granted, the district may have difficulty paying all of the cost of these services. But certainly the district has budgeted and has the ability to pay the non-discounted portion for these services. Therefore, we would appreciate your reconsidering this funding request and granting it in the original full amount.

Should you have any questions or need to discuss this matter with me, my contact information is listed below:

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Very truly yours,

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ITEM 25 WORKSHEET SUMMARY: FAX BACK PAGE 1

Item 25 Worksheet Summary **Funding Year 5**
 Please Add Sub-totals of Sections I through VI **(2002-2003)**

Section I: Connectivity

I-A. Commitment Amount Requested

• Tele.com	1	\$144,738.27	
• Internet Access	2	\$11,305.15	
• Internal Connections	3	\$386,688.14	318,098.54
Total of Funding Requests (I-A)	4	\$542,741.57	474,141.97

I-B. Form 471 Applicant's Share

• Tele.com	5	\$36,184.57	
• Internet Access	6	\$2,826.29	
• Internal Connections	7	\$4,628.01	77,485.61
Total of Applicant Share (I-B)	8	\$43,638.86	116,496.47

I-C. Amounts not covered by USF Program

• Tele.com	9	\$	0
• Internet Access	10	\$	0
• Internal Connections	11	\$	0
Total of Amounts Not Covered (I-C)	12	\$	0

Total Connectivity (I-A + I-B + I-C) *E-Rate application funded 2001-2002* \$ **183,072** ~~\$678,350.43~~ **590,638.44**

Section II: Hardware

II-A. Number of Computers Connected

13a. #	943	13b. #	1,005
(Fiscal Year 2001-02)		(Fiscal Year 2002-03)	

II-B. Applicant Expenditure

14a. \$	184,977	14b. \$	37,229
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II-C. Contribution, In-Kind Donations

15a. \$	0	15b. \$	0
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Total Hardware (II-B + II-C) 16a. \$ **184,977** 16b. \$ **37,229**

Section III: Professional Development

III-A. Staff Training Hours (Total 100%):

0-5 Hrs. 4 % 5-15 Hrs. 14 % 15-25 Hrs. 50 % 25-50 Hrs. 21 % 50+ Hrs. 11 %

III-B. Applicant Expenditure

18a. \$	73,212	18b. \$	11,269
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III-C. Contribution, In-Kind Donations

19a. \$	0	19b. \$	0
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Total Professional Development (III-B + III-C) 20a. \$ **73,212** 20b. \$ **11,269**

Section IV: Software

IV-A. Applicant Expenditure

21a. \$	32,317	21b. \$	23,886
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IV-B. Contribution, In-Kind Donations

22a. \$	0	22b. \$	0
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Total Software (IV-A + IV-B) 23a. \$ **32,317** 23b. \$ **23,886**

Section V: Retrofitting

V-A. Applicant Expenditure

24a. \$	0	24b. \$	0
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V-B. Contribution / In-Kind Donations

25a. \$	0	25b. \$	0
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Total Retrofitting (V-A + V-B) 26a. \$ **0** 26b. \$ **0**

Section VI: Maintenance

VI-A. Applicant Expenditure

27a. \$	199,060	27b. \$	199,060
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VI-B. Contribution / In-Kind Donations

28a. \$	0	28b. \$	0
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Total Maintenance (VI-A + VI-B) 29a. \$ **199,060** 29b. \$ **199,060**

Total of E-Rate Initiative (Total of Section I to VI) 30a. \$ **672,638** 30b. \$ **862,080.44**

Technology Implementation Level (Enter Number of schools/libraries at each level from worksheet)

Level 1 current:	0	Level 2 current:	0	Level 3 current:	4	Level 4 current:	6
Level 1 by 6/30/03:	0	Level 2 by 6/30/03:	0	Level 3 by 6/30/03:	0	Level 4 by 6/30/03:	10



STARKVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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April 10, 2002

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Ms. Laura Ransgnola
PIA Selective Review
Schools and Libraries Division
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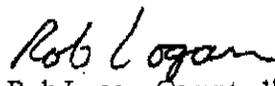
Dear Ms. Ransgnola:

In response to your request for documentation that our school district has funds available to pay for our share of E-Rate eligible services outlined in our Year 5 applications, I am attaching a Draft Budget which shows the specific accounts from which our discounted portion will be paid. We will not have a final budget available until sometime during the month of June, but we have no reason to believe that our school board will not approve budgets for the different accounts shown on the Draft Budget that are sufficient to cover the E-Rate expenses listed. The two largest amounts are part of our district maintenance account, which covers telephone and other telecommunications services, and our district Technology Department budget, which will cover most of the Internal Connections applications, should they be funded. The smaller amounts are part of the individual budgets for some of our schools that have funds to cover part of the Internal Connections applications that apply specifically to them.

The total amount that we anticipate having available next fiscal year for E-Rate related purchases will be at least the \$ 16,496 total indicated on this draft. The reason that the Draft Budget total disagrees with your figure of \$ 133,638.86 is that there are two applications which we will be canceling because we learned after the date of our applications that our district did not receive a grant which we were counting on to fund our portion. Mrs. Schiefer is explaining the circumstances regarding those two applications in more detail in her responses to your requests for documentation.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information regarding the district's ability to pay for its share of E-Rate related purchases, please contact either Mrs. Schiefer at 662-615-0007 or me at 662-615-0005.

Very truly yours,


Rob Logan, Comptroller

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Attachment

STARKVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
DRAFT BUDGET FOR E-RATE EXPENDITURES
FOR FY July 1, 2002 thru June 30, 2003
4/10/02

Funding Code:	E-Rate Expenses	Budget Amount	Budget Coding
1120-900-1140-730-16	\$7,203	\$7,246	1120-900-1140-730-16
	\$7,203	\$7,246	
1120-900-2620-430-01	\$2,950	\$30,000	1120-900-2620-430-01
1120-900-2620-530-01	\$35,513	\$36,200	1120-900-2620-530-01
	\$38,463	\$66,200	
1120-900-2810-340-01	\$6,827	\$22,852	1120-900-2810-340-01
1120-900-2810-610-01	\$1,886	\$12,638	1120-900-2810-610-01
1120-900-2810-730-01	\$20,442	\$20,976	1120-900-2810-730-01
	\$29,154	\$56,466	
1904-900-2210-730-01	\$4,565	\$4,000	1904-900-2210-730-01
	\$4,565	\$10,000	1904-900-2210-610-01
		\$14,000	
2051-900-1230-610-02	\$12	\$5,300	2051-900-1230-610-02
2051-900-1230-730-02	\$1,619	\$4,343	2051-900-1230-730-02
	\$1,631	\$9,643	
2080-900-1130-340-00	\$1,060	\$23,583	2080-900-1130-340-20
2080-900-1130-730-00	\$6,296	\$105,000	2080-900-1130-730-20
	\$7,356	\$128,583	
2110-900-2640-430-01	\$636	\$636	2110-900-2640-340-01
	\$636	\$636	
2210-900-2225-430-01	\$780	\$780	2210-900-2225-430-01
2210-900-2225-730-01	\$7,489	\$7,489	2210-900-2225-730-01
2210-900-2225-740-01	\$1,236	\$1,236	2210-900-2225-740-01
	\$9,505	\$9,505	
2711-900-1142-340-90	\$1,768	\$2,000	2711-900-1142-340-90
2711-900-1142-730-90	\$5,591	\$59,802	2711-900-1142-730-90

Jenkins
Dept budget

2711-900-1142-740-90	\$2,009	\$2,009	2711-900-1142-740-90
	\$9,368	\$63,811	
2944-900-2120-530-01	\$672	\$700	2944-900-2120-530-01
	\$672	\$700	
2979-900-3300-340-01	\$1,622	\$2,000	2979-900-3300-340-01
2979-900-3300-730-01	\$6,321	\$7,000	2979-900-3300-730-01
	\$7,944	\$9,000	
Total Expense:	\$116,496	\$365,790	

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Fiscal year thru period ending 09/30/2002

Description	Month to date	Year to date	Ytd encumbrance	Annual budget	Annual Var	% used
2810 00 114						
REGULAR EMPLOYEES	.00	21,010.24	.00	125,024.00	104,013.76	10.0%
2810 00 210						
GROUP INSURANCE	.00	1,300.86	.00	10,513.00	9,212.14	13.4%
2810 00 215						
LIFE INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS	.00	53.40	.00	424.00	370.60	12.6%
2810 00 220						
SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTIONS	.00	1,448.08	.00	9,564.00	8,115.92	15.1%
2810 00 230						
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	.00	2,048.50	.00	12,190.00	10,141.50	16.0%
2810 00 260						
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION	.00	.00	.00	275.00	275.00	.0%
2810 00 340						
CONTRACTED SERVICES	592.00	1,175.66	.00	20,000.00	18,824.34	5.9%
2810 00 430						
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	.00	.00	.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	.0%
2810 00 580						
TRAVEL & PER DIEM	.00	.00	.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	.0%
2810 00 730						
EQUIPMENT-CAPITALIZED	179.00	212.99	.00	10,000.00	9,787.01	2.2%
2810 00 740						
EQUIPMENT-NOT CAPITALIZED	395.00	921.00	.00	.00	(921.00)	.
2810 01 610						
GENERAL SUPPLIES	71.16	602.47	.00	10,000.00	9,397.53	6.0%
Total EXPENDITURE	1,237.16	28,780.20	.00	207,989.00	179,208.80	13.0%

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STARKVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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 Ledger Report

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Fiscal year ending June 30, 2002

Date	Trans #	Unl	Description	Ref 1	Ref 2	Ref 3	Amount	Balance
1120 900 2810 00 240 01			UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION					.00
06/26/2002	21628	GJNL	F Y 2001-2002	5264	06202002	06242002	87.16	
1120 900 2810 00 240 01			UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION				87.16	87.16
1120 900 2810 00 260 01			WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION					.00
10/03/2001	19922	GJNL	W FOR THE Q/E 9-30-2001	02-027	09302001	10032001	68.60	
01/08/2002	20519	GJNL	W FOR Q/E 12/31/2001	02-074	01312002	01082002	64.97	
03/27/2002	21066	GJNL	W FOR THE Q/E 3-31-02	02-114	03312002	03272002	68.09	
06/30/2002	21704	GJNL	W FOR THE Q/E 6-30-2002	02-176	06302002	07022002	44.77	
1120 900 2810 00 260 01			WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION				266.42	266.42
1120 900 2810 00 340 01			CONTRACTED SERVICES					.00
07/31/2001	19392	PURCH	NETCOMM WIRING	69940		60810	450.00	
07/31/2001	19392	PURCH	3P INT TECHNOLOGIES	69941		60806	50.00	
08/23/2001	19512	PURCH	SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY, INC.	70186		60819	400.00	
08/23/2001	19512	PURCH	MARCONI SERVICES	70164		60805	8,553.54	
08/23/2001	19512	PURCH	3P INT TECHNOLOGIES	70165		60807	50.00	
08/30/2001	19656	PURCH	TANHA SMILEY	70411		60829	266.25	
09/21/2001	19800	PURCH	3P INT TECHNOLOGIES	70609		60812	100.00	
09/21/2001	19800	PURCH	3P INT TECHNOLOGIES	70869		60825	500.00	
09/21/2001	19800	PURCH	3P INT TECHNOLOGIES	70868		60831	100.00	
09/21/2001	19800	PURCH	STYL IN TOUCH PAGING	70860		60838	49.75	
09/21/2001	19800	PURCH	SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY, INC.	70862		60837	4,320.00	
10/29/2001	20099	PURCH	3P INT TECHNOLOGIES	71404		60842	500.00	
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10/29/2001	20099	PURCH	3P INT TECHNOLOGIES	71405		60849	225.00	
10/29/2001	20099	PURCH	SYNERGETICS DCS, INC.	70186		60818	220.00	
10/29/2001	20099	PURCH	INFORMATION MEDIUM SYSTEMS	71398		64957	500.00	
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11/27/2001	20245	PURCH	MARCONI SERVICES	70166		60809	2,089.44	
11/28/2001	20285	PURCH	NETCOM	72148		64965	790.00	
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01/15/2002	20585	PURCH	BUSINESS COMMUNICATION, INC.	72771		64961	325.00	
01/15/2002	20585	PURCH	UNITAR COMPUTERS	72772		64988	300.00	
01/15/2002	20585	PURCH	SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY, INC.	72773		64991	500.00	
01/15/2002	20585	PURCH	COMPAQ COMPUTER CORP.	72774		64982	219.00	
01/31/2002	20696	PURCH	NORHLAND CABLE TELEVISION	73094		65006	3,300.00	
02/27/2002	20884	PURCH	3P INT TECHNOLOGIES	73619		65001	190.00	
03/22/2002	21016	PURCH	3P INT TECHNOLOGIES	73909		65032	50.00	
03/22/2002	21017	PURCH	SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY, INC.	73932		65028	250.00	
04/24/2002	21213	PURCH	SYNERGETICS DCS, INC.	74497		65030	117.00	
04/25/2002	21222	PURCH	SYNERGETICS DCS, INC.	74558		65049	675.00	
04/29/2002	21249	PURCH	ACADEMIC SERVICES NOVELL	74671		65042	7,868.00	
05/31/2002	21461	PURCH	UNITAR COMPUTERS	75369		66966	600.00	
1120 900 2810 00 340 01			CONTRACTED SERVICES				33,908.38	33,908.38
1120 900 2810 00 530 01			COMMUNICATIONS					.00
07/23/2001	19328	PURCH	STYL IN TOUCH PAGING	69775		TD	179.40	
09/25/2001	19847	PURCH	STYL IN TOUCH PAGING	70952		TD	134.58	
10/29/2001	20099	PURCH	C & C MAIL SERVICE	71513		TD	26.92	
11/27/2001	20256	PURCH	FEDIX	72024		TD	16.38	
11/28/2001	20285	PURCH	C & C MAIL SERVICE	72147		TD	28.81	

Our applicant's share during Fund Year 2001 which was paid



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Letter of Appeal

Schools and Libraries Division
Box 125-Correspondence Unit
80 South Jefferson Road
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Re: Funding Commitment Decision Letter dated July 30, 2002
Form 471 Application Number 0000306276, FRN's #0000791669,
#0000791697, #0000791727, #0000791747, #0000791768,
Funding Year 2002: 07/01/2002 - 06/30/2003
Starkville School District - Billed Entity #128732

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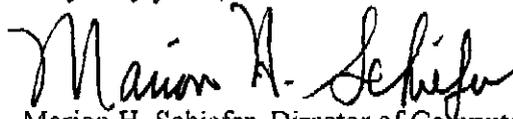
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Very truly yours,



Marion H. Schiefer, Director of Computer Technology

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Attachments

ITEM 25 WORKSHEET SUMMARY: FAX BACK PAGE 1

Item 25 Worksheet Summary **Funding Year 5**
 Please Add Subtotals of Sections I through VI **(2002-2003)**

Section I: Connectivity			
I-A. Commitment Amount Requested			
• Tele.com		1	\$144,738.27
• Internet Access		2	\$11,305.15
• Internal Connections		3	\$286,888.14 318,098.54
Total of Funding Requests (I-A)		4	\$542,711.57 474,141.97
I-B. Form 471 Applicant's Share			
• Tele.com		5	\$36,184.57
• Internet Access		6	\$2,826.29
• Internal Connections		7	\$4,628.01 77,425.61
Total of Applicant Share (I-B)		8	\$43,638.86 116,496.47
I-C. Amounts not covered by USF Program			
• Tele.com		9	\$ 0
• Internet Access		10	\$ 0
• Internal Connections		11	\$ 0
Total of Amounts Not Covered (I-C)		12	\$ 0
Total Connectivity (I-A + I-B + I-C)			\$ 183,072 \$676,350.43 590,638.44
Section II: Hardware			
II-A. Number of Computers Connected	13a. # 943	13b. # 1,005	
	(Fiscal Year 2001-02)	(Fiscal Year 2002-03)	
II-B. Applicant Expenditure	14a. \$ 184,977	14b. \$ 37,229	
II-C. Contribution / In-Kind Donations	15a. \$ 0	15b. \$ 0	
Total Hardware (II-B + II-C)		16a. \$ 184,977	16b. \$ 37,229
Section III: Professional Development			
III-A. Staff Training Hours (Total 100%):			
0-5 Hrs. <u>15</u> % 5-15 Hrs. <u>14</u> % 15-25 Hrs. <u>50</u> % 25-50 Hrs. <u>21</u> % 50+ Hrs. <u>11</u> %			
III-B. Applicant Expenditure	18a. \$ 73,212	18b. \$ 11,269	
III-C. Contribution / In-Kind Donations	19a. \$ 0	19b. \$ 0	
Total Professional Development (III-B + III-C)		20a. \$ 73,212	20b. \$ 11,269
Section IV: Software			
IV-A. Applicant Expenditure	21a. \$ 32,317	21b. \$ 23,886	
IV-B. Contribution / In-Kind Donations	22a. \$ 0	22b. \$ 0	
Total Software (IV-A + IV-B)		23a. \$ 32,317	23b. \$ 23,886
Section V: Retrofitting			
V-A. Applicant Expenditure	24a. \$ 0	24b. \$ 0	
V-B. Contribution / In-Kind Donations	25a. \$ 0	25b. \$ 0	
Total Retrofitting (V-A + V-B)		26a. \$ 0	26b. \$ 0
Section VI: Maintenance			
VI-A. Applicant Expenditure	27a. \$ 199,060	27b. \$ 199,060	
VI-B. Contribution / In-Kind Donations	28a. \$ 0	28b. \$ 0	
Total Maintenance (VI-A + VI-B)		29a. \$ 199,060	29b. \$ 199,060
Total of E-Rate Initiative (Total of Section I to VI)		30a. \$ 672,638	30b. \$ 862,080.44
Technology Implementation Level (Enter Number of schools/libraries at each level from worksheet)			
Level 1 current:	0	Level 2 current:	0
Level 3 current:	4	Level 4 current:	6
Level 1 by 6/30/03:	0	Level 2 by 6/30/03:	0
Level 3 by 6/30/03:	0	Level 4 by 6/30/03:	10



STARKVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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April 10, 2002

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Ms. Laura Ransgnola
PIA Selective Review
Schools and Libraries Division
80 S. Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07931

Dear Ms. Ransgnola:

In response to your request for documentation that our school district has funds available to pay for our share of E-Rate eligible services outlined in our Year 5 applications, I am attaching a Draft Budget which shows the specific accounts from which our discounted portion will be paid. We will not have a final budget available until sometime during the month of June, but we have no reason to believe that our school board will not approve budgets for the different accounts shown on the Draft Budget that are sufficient to cover the E-Rate expenses listed. The two largest amounts are part of our district maintenance account, which covers telephone and other telecommunications services, and our district Technology Department budget, which will cover most of the Internal Connections applications, should they be funded. The smaller amounts are part of the individual budgets for some of our schools that have funds to cover part of the Internal Connections applications that apply specifically to them.

The total amount that we anticipate having available next fiscal year for E-Rate related purchases will be at least the \$116,496 total indicated on this draft. The reason that the Draft Budget total disagrees with your figure of \$133,638.86 is that there are two applications which we will be canceling because we learned after the date of our applications that our district did not receive a grant which we were counting on to fund our portion. Mrs. Schiefer is explaining the circumstances regarding those two applications in more detail in her responses to your requests for documentation.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information regarding the district's ability to pay for its share of E-Rate related purchases, please contact either Mrs. Schiefer at 662-615-0007 or me at 662-615-0005.

Very truly yours,


Rob Logan, Comptroller

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Attachment

STARKVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
DRAFT BUDGET FOR E-RATE EXPENDITURES
FOR FY July 1, 2002 thru June 30, 2003
4/10/02

Funding Code	E-Rate Expenses	Budget Amount	Budget Coding
1120-900-1140-730-16	\$7,203	\$7,246	1120-900-1140-730-16
	\$7,203	\$7,246	
1120-900-2620-430-01	\$2,950	\$30,000	1120-900-2620-430-01
1120-900-2620-530-01	\$35,513	\$36,200	1120-900-2620-530-01
	\$38,463	\$66,200	
1120-900-2810-340-01	\$6,827	\$22,852	1120-900-2810-340-01
1120-900-2810-610-01	\$1,886	\$12,638	1120-900-2810-610-01
1120-900-2810-730-01	\$20,442	\$20,976	1120-900-2810-730-01
	\$29,154	\$56,466	
1904-900-2210-730-01	\$4,565	\$4,000	1904-900-2210-730-01
	\$4,565	\$10,000	1904-900-2210-610-01
		\$14,000	
2051-900-1230-610-92	\$12	\$5,300	2051-900-1230-610-92
2051-900-1230-730-92	\$1,619	\$4,343	2051-900-1230-730-92
	\$1,631	\$9,643	
2080-900-1130-340-20	\$1,060	\$23,583	2080-900-1130-340-20
2080-900-1130-730-20	\$6,296	\$105,000	2080-900-1130-730-20
	\$7,356	\$128,583	
2110-900-2640-430-11	\$636	\$636	2110-900-2640-340-01
	\$636	\$636	
2210-900-2225-340-11	\$780	\$780	2210-900-2225-430-01
2210-900-2225-730-11	\$7,489	\$7,489	2210-900-2225-730-01
2210-900-2225-740-11	\$1,236	\$1,236	2210-900-2225-740-01
	\$9,505	\$9,505	
2711-900-1142-340-90	\$1,768	\$2,000	2711-900-1142-340-90
2711-900-1142-730-90	\$5,591	\$59,802	2711-900-1142-730-90

*BellSouth
Payments Included
in this
budget*

2711-900-1142-740-90	\$2,009 \$9,368	\$2,009 \$63,811	2711-900-1142-740-90
2944-900-2120-530-01	\$672 \$672	\$700 \$700	2944-900-2120-530-01
2979-900-3300-340-01	\$1,622	\$2,000	2979-900-3300-340-01
2979-900-3300-730-01	\$6,321 \$7,944	\$7,000 \$9,000	2979-900-3300-730-01
Total Expense:	\$116,496	\$365,790	

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Description	Month to date	Year to date	Ytd encumbrnce	Annual budget	Annual var	% used
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TELEPHONE SERVICES	4,345.71	4,345.71	.00	32,000.00	27,654.29	13.6%
Total EXPENDITURE	4,345.71	4,345.71	.00	32,000.00	27,654.29	13.6%

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Fiscal year ending June 30, 2002

Date	Trans #	Unl Description	Ref 1	Ref 2	Ref 3	Amount	Balance	
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			Beginning balance					
07/23/2001	19328	PURCH A T & T	69773	MT		361.00		
07/23/2001	19328	PURCH CELLULAR SOUTH	69774	MT		1,101.20		
07/23/2001	19328	PURCH BELL SOUTH TELEPHONE COMPANY	69777	MT		274.25		
07/24/2001	19331	MREC A ST REPUND	7080	07182001	07242001	19.51CR		
08/23/2001	19502	PURCH CELLULAR SOUTH	70224	MT		584.88		
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08/23/2001	19502	PURCH BELL SOUTH TELEPHONE COMPANY	70234	MT		815.89		
09/20/2001	19790	PURCH BELL SOUTH TELEPHONE COMPANY	70873	MT		808.00		
09/20/2001	19790	PURCH A T & T	70875	MT		550.76		
09/20/2001	19790	PURCH CELLULAR SOUTH	70876	MT		771.47		
10/19/2001	20052	PURCH BELL SOUTH TELEPHONE COMPANY	71571	MT		974.65		
10/19/2001	20052	PURCH A T & T	71572	MT		640.62		
10/19/2001	20052	PURCH CELLULAR SOUTH	71575	MT		998.31		
11/20/2001	20219	PURCH A T & T	72008	MT		487.50		
11/20/2001	20219	PURCH CELLULAR SOUTH	72011	MT		686.05		
11/20/2001	20219	PURCH BELL SOUTH TELEPHONE COMPANY	72013	MT		1,611.53		
12/18/2001	20476	PURCH CELLULAR SOUTH	72556	MT		254.97		
12/18/2001	20476	PURCH A T & T	72557	MT		517.77		
12/18/2001	20476	PURCH BELL SOUTH TELEPHONE COMPANY	72558	MT		1,121.99		
01/17/2002	20602	PURCH CELLULAR SOUTH	72875	MT	65248	746.45		
01/17/2002	20602	PURCH DELTA TELEPAGE INC	72876	MT	65247	104.50		
01/18/2002	20615	PURCH CELLULAR SOUTH	72875	MT	65248	52.86CR		
01/18/2002	20616	PURCH CELLULAR SOUTH	72912	MT		261.38		
01/18/2002	20616	PURCH BELL SOUTH TELEPHONE COMPANY	72913	MT		824.93		
01/18/2002	20616	PURCH A T & T	72914	MT		432.53		
02/20/2002	20845	PURCH CELLULAR SOUTH	73395	MT		1,082.56		
02/20/2002	20845	PURCH A T & T	73398	MT		453.00		
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03/19/2002	20979	PURCH BELL SOUTH TELEPHONE COMPANY	73894	MT		617.52		
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03/27/2002	21069	PURCH DELTA TELEPAGE INC	74245	MT	66731	116.50		
04/22/2002	21178	PURCH A T & T	74180	MT		384.93		
04/22/2002	21178	PURCH CELLULAR SOUTH	74181	MT		888.70		
04/30/2002	21268	PURCH DELTA TELEPAGE INC	74836	MT	66816	116.50		
05/20/2002	21379	MREC BELL SOUTH/REFUND	7356	05142002	05202002	210.56CR		
05/22/2002	21395	PURCH A T & T	74966	MT		667.42		
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05/30/2002	21447	GNL VOIC A/P check #29721	02-161	042001	053002	9.88CR		
05/31/2002	21464	MREC T. MILEY/REIMB/LONG DISTANCE	7372	05282002	06042002	5.00CR		
06/20/2002	21585	PURCH A T & T	75706	MT		655.24		
06/20/2002	21585	PURCH BELL SOUTH TELEPHONE COMPANY	75711	MT		2,361.47		
06/20/2002	21585	PURCH CELLULAR SOUTH	75714	CO		952.31		
1120 900 2620	00 530 01	COMMUNICATIONS				21,965.17	21,965.17	
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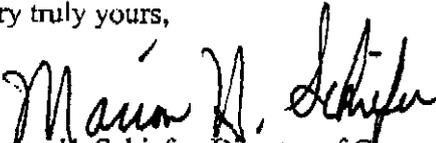
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662-324-4050, Fax# 662-324-4068 - mschiefer@mde.k12.ms.us

Very truly yours,


Marion H. Schiefer, Director of Computer Technology

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Attachments

ITEM 25 WORKSHEET SUMMARY: FAX BACK PAGE 1

Item 25 Worksheet Summary
Please Add Subtotals of Sections I through VI Funding Year 5
(2002-2003)

Section I: Connectivity

I-A. Commitment Amount Requested		
• Telecom	1	\$144,738.27
• Internet Access	2	\$11,305.15
• Internal Connections	3	\$286,868.14 318,098.54
Total of Funding Requests (I-A)	4	\$542,741.57 474,141.97

I-B. Form 471 Applicant's Share		
• Telecom	5	\$36,184.57
• Internet Access	6	\$2,826.29
• Internal Connections	7	\$94,628.01 77,485.61
Total of Applicant Share (I-B)	8	\$133,638.88 116,496.47

I-C. Amounts not covered by USF Program		
• Telecom	9	\$ 0
• Internet Access	10	\$ 0
• Internal Connections	11	\$ 0
Total of Amounts Not Covered (I-C)	12	\$ 0

Total Connectivity (I-A + I-B + I-C) **\$ 183,072** **\$676,350.43** **590,638.44**

Section II: Hardware

II-A. Number of Computers Connected	13a. # 943	13 b. # 1,005
	(Fiscal Year 2001-02)	(Fiscal Year 2002-03)
II-B. Applicant Expenditure	14a. \$ 184,977	14 b. \$ 37,227
II-C. Contribution / In-Kind Donations	15a. \$ 0	15 b. \$ 0
Total Hardware (II-B + II-C)	16a. \$ 184,977	16 b. \$ 37,227

Section III: Professional Development

III-A. Staff Training Hours (Total 100%):	0-5 Hrs. 4% 5-15 Hrs. 14% 15-25 Hrs. 50% 25-50 Hrs. 21% 50+ Hrs. 11%			
III-B. Applicant Expenditure	18a. \$ 73,212	18b. \$ 11,269		
III-C. Contribution / In-Kind Donations	19a. \$ 0	19b. \$ 0		
Total Professional Development (III-B + III-C)	20a. \$ 73,212	20b. \$ 11,269		

Section IV: Software

IV-A. Applicant Expenditure	21a. \$ 32,317	21b. \$ 23,886
IV-B. Contribution / In-Kind Donations	22a. \$ 0	22b. \$ 0
Total Software (IV-A + IV-B)	23a. \$ 32,317	23b. \$ 23,886

Section V: Retrofitting

V-A. Applicant Expenditure	24a. \$ 0	24b. \$ 0
V-B. Contribution / In-Kind Donations	25a. \$ 0	25b. \$ 0
Total Retrofitting (V-A + V-B)	26a. \$ 0	26b. \$ 0

Section VI: Maintenance

VI-A. Applicant Expenditure	27a. \$ 199,060	27b. \$ 199,060
VI-B. Contribution / In-Kind Donations	28a. \$ 0	28b. \$ 0
Total Maintenance (VI-A + VI-B)	29a. \$ 199,060	29b. \$ 199,060
Total of E-Rate Initiative (Total of Section I to VI)	30a. \$ 672,638	30b. \$ 862,080.44

Technology Implementation Level (Enter Number of schools/libraries at each level from worksheet)			
Level 1 current:	0	Level 2 current:	0
Level 1 by 6/30/03	0	Level 2 by 6/30/03:	0
		Level 3 current:	4
		Level 3 by 6/30/03:	0
		Level 4 current:	6
		Level 4 by 6/30/03:	10



STARKVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

GREENSHORO CENTER, 401 GREENSBORO
STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI 39759

April 10, 2002

OFFICE OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT

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Ms. Laura Ransgnola
PIA Selective Review
Schools and Libraries Division
80 S. Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07981

Dear Ms. Ransgnola:

In response to your request for documentation that our school district has funds available to pay for our share of E-Rate eligible services outlined in our Year 5 applications, I am attaching a Draft Budget which shows the specific accounts from which our discounted portion will be paid. We will not have a final budget available until sometime during the month of June, but we have no reason to believe that our school board will not approve budgets for the different accounts shown on the Draft Budget that are sufficient to cover the E-Rate expenses listed. The two largest amounts are part of our district maintenance account, which covers telephone and other telecommunications services, and our district Technology Department budget, which will cover most of the Internal Connections applications, should they be funded. The smaller amounts are part of the individual budgets for some of our schools that have funds to cover part of the Internal Connections applications that apply specifically to them.

The total amount that we anticipate having available next fiscal year for E-Rate related purchases will be at least the \$ 16,496 total indicated on this draft. The reason that the Draft Budget total disagrees with your figure of \$ 133,638.86 is that there are two applications which we will be canceling because we learned after the date of our applications that our district did not receive a grant which we were counting on to fund our portion. Mrs. Schiefer is explaining the circumstances regarding those two applications in more detail in her responses to your requests for documentation.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information regarding the district's ability to pay for its share of E-Rate related purchases, please contact either Mrs. Schiefer at 662-615-0007 or me at 662-615-0005.

Very truly yours,

Rob Logan
Rob Logan, Comptroller

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Attachment

STARKVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
DRAFT BUDGET FOR E-RATE EXPENDITURES
FOR FY July 1, 2002 thru June 30, 2003
4/10/02

Funding Code	E-Rate Expenses	Budget Amount	Budget Coding
1120-900-1140-730-16	\$7,203	\$7,246	1120-900-1140-730-16
	\$7,203	\$7,246	
1120-900-2620-430-01	\$2,860	\$30,000	1120-900-2620-430-01
1120-900-2620-530-01	\$35,513	\$36,200	1120-900-2620-530-01
	\$38,463	\$66,200	
1120-900-2810-340-01	\$6,827	\$22,852	1120-900-2810-340-01
1120-900-2810-610-01	\$1,886	\$12,638	1120-900-2810-610-01
1120-900-2810-730-01	\$20,442	\$20,976	1120-900-2810-730-01
	\$29,154	\$56,466	
1904-900-2210-730-01	\$4,565	\$4,000	1904-900-2210-730-01
	\$4,565	\$10,000	1904-900-2210-610-01
		\$14,000	
2051-900-1230-610-02	\$12	\$5,300	2051-900-1230-610-92
2051-900-1230-730-02	\$1,619	\$4,343	2051-900-1230-730-92
	\$1,631	\$9,643	
2080-900-1130-340-00	\$1,060	\$23,583	2080-900-1130-340-20
2080-900-1130-730-00	\$6,296	\$105,000	2080-900-1130-730-20
	\$7,356	\$128,583	
2110-900-2640-430-01	\$636	\$636	2110-900-2640-340-01
	\$636	\$636	
2210-900-2225-340-00	\$780	\$780	2210-900-2225-430-01
2210-900-2225-730-00	\$7,489	\$7,489	2210-900-2225-730-01
2210-900-2225-740-00	\$1,236	\$1,236	2210-900-2225-740-01
	\$9,505	\$9,505	
2711-900-1142-340-90	\$1,768	\$2,000	2711-900-1142-340-90
2711-900-1142-730-90	\$5,591	\$59,802	2711-900-1142-730-90

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2711-900-1142-740-90	\$2,009	\$2,009	2711-900-1142-740-90
	\$9,368	\$63,811	
2944-900-2120-530-01	\$672	\$700	2944-900-2120-530-01
	\$672	\$700	
2979-900-3300-340-01	\$1,622	\$2,000	2979-900-3300-340-01
2979-900-3300-730-01	\$6,321	\$7,000	2979-900-3300-730-01
	\$7,944	\$9,000	
Total Expense:	\$116,496	\$365,790	

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1120 DM

Fiscal year thru period ending 09/30/2002

Description	Month to date	Year to date	Ytd encumbrance	Annual budget	Annual var	% used
2810 00 114 REGULAR EMPLOYEES	.00	21,010.24	.00	125,024.00	104,013.76	16.8%
2810 00 210 GROUP INSURANCE	.00	1,300.86	.00	10,512.00	9,211.14	12.4%
2810 00 215 LIFE INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS	.00	53.40	.00	424.00	370.60	12.6%
2810 00 220 SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTIONS	.00	1,445.08	.00	9,564.00	8,118.92	15.1%
2810 00 230 RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	.00	2,048.50	.00	12,390.00	10,341.50	16.8%
2810 00 260 WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION	.00	.00	.00	275.00	275.00	.0%
2810 00 340 CONTRACTED SERVICES	592.00	1,175.66	.00	20,000.00	18,824.34	5.9%
2810 00 430 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	.00	.00	.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	.0%
2810 00 580 TRAVEL & PER DIEM	.00	.00	.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	.0%
2810 00 730 EQUIPMENT-CAPITALIZED	179.00	218.99	.00	10,000.00	9,781.01	2.2%
2810 00 740 EQUIPMENT-NOT CAPITALIZED	195.00	921.00	.00	.00	(921.00)	
2810 01 610 GENERAL SUPPLIES	71.16	603.47	.00	10,000.00	9,396.53	6.0%
Total EXPENDITURE	1,237.16	28,780.30	.00	207,989.00	179,208.80	13.8%

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 Run Date: 07/01/2002

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 Ledger Report

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Fiscal year ending June 30, 2002

Date	Trans #	Unl	Description	Ref 1	Ref 2	Ref 3	Amount	Balance
1120 900 2810 00 240 01			UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION					.00
			Beginning balance					.00
06/26/2002	21628		GJNL F Y 2001-2002	5864	06202002	06242002	87.16	
1120 900 2810 00 240 01			UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION					87.16
			Ending balance				87.16	87.16
1120 900 2810 00 260 01			WORKM N'S COMPENSATION					.00
			Beginning balance					.00
10/03/2001	19922		GJNL W FOR THE Q/E 9-30-2001	02-027	09202001	10032001	88.60	
01/08/2002	20519		GJNL W FOR Q/E 12/31/2001	02-074	01312002	01082002	64.97	
03/27/2002	21066		GJNL W FOR THE Q/E 1-31-02	02-114	03312002	03272002	68.08	
06/30/2002	21704		GJNL W FOR THE Q/E 6-30-2002	02-176	06302002	07022002	44.77	
1120 900 2810 00 260 01			WORKM N'S COMPENSATION					266.42
			Ending balance				266.42	266.42
1120 900 2810 00 340 01			CONTRACTED SERVICES					.00
			Beginning balance					.00
07/31/2001	19392		PURCH NETCOMM WIRING	69940		TD 60810	450.00	
07/31/2001	19392		PURCH 3D PRINT TECHNOLOGIES	69941		TD 60806	50.00	
08/23/2001	19512		PURCH SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY, INC.	70185		TD 60819	500.00	
08/23/2001	19512		PURCH MERCONI SERVICES	70164		TD 60805	4,953.54	
08/23/2001	19512		PURCH 3D PRINT TECHNOLOGIES	70165		TD 60807	50.00	
08/30/2001	19656		PURCH TASHA SMILEY	70411		TD 60829	266.25	
09/21/2001	19800		PURCH 3D PRINT TECHNOLOGIES	70609		TD 60812	100.00	
09/21/2001	19800		PURCH 3D PRINT TECHNOLOGIES	70869		TD 60825	500.00	
09/21/2001	19800		PURCH 3D PRINT TECHNOLOGIES	70868		TD 60831	100.00	
09/21/2001	19800		PURCH STYL IN TOUCH PAGING	70860		TD 60838	49.75	
09/21/2001	19800		PURCH SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY, INC.	70862		TD 60837	4,320.00	
10/29/2001	20099		PURCH 3D PRINT TECHNOLOGIES	71404		TD 60842	500.00	
10/29/2001	20099		PURCH 3D PRINT TECHNOLOGIES	71403		TD 60840	50.00	
10/29/2001	20099		PURCH 3D PRINT TECHNOLOGIES	71405		TD 60849	225.00	
10/29/2001	20099		PURCH SYNERGETICS DCS, INC.	70186		TD 60818	220.00	
10/29/2001	20099		PURCH INFORMATION MEDIUM SYSTEMS	71398		TD 64957	500.00	
10/29/2001	20099		PURCH 3D PRINT TECHNOLOGIES	71397		TD 64956	109.90	
11/27/2001	20255		PURCH MAICOMI SERVICES	70166		TD 60809	2,085.44	
11/28/2001	20285		PURCH USI NETCOM	72148		TD 64965	790.00	
11/28/2001	20285		PURCH SYNERGETICS DCS, INC.	72151		TD 60833	234.50	
01/15/2002	20585		PURCH BUSINESS COMMUNICATION, INC.	72771		TD 64961	325.00	
01/15/2002	20585		PURCH UNISTAR COMPUTERS	72772		TD 64988	300.00	
01/15/2002	20585		PURCH SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY, INC.	72773		TD 64991	500.00	
01/15/2002	20585		PURCH COMPAQ COMPUTER CORP.	72774		TD 64982	219.00	
01/31/2002	20696		PURCH NORFOLK CABLE TELEVISION	73094		TD 65006	3,300.00	
02/27/2002	20886		PURCH 3D PRINT TECHNOLOGIES	73519		TD 65001	150.00	
03/22/2002	21016		PURCH 3D PRINT TECHNOLOGIES	73909		TD 65032	50.00	
03/22/2002	21017		PURCH SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY, INC.	73932		TD 65028	350.00	
04/24/2002	21213		PURCH SYNERGETICS DCS, INC.	74497		TD 65030	117.00	
04/25/2002	21222		PURCH SYNERGETICS DCS, INC.	74598		TD 65049	675.00	
04/29/2002	21249		PURCH ACADEMIC SERVICES NOVELL	74671		TD 65042	7,848.00	
05/31/2002	21461		PURCH UNISTAR COMPUTERS	75369		TD 66985	500.00	
1120 900 2810 00 340 01			CONTRACTED SERVICES					33,908.38
			Ending balance				33,908.38	33,908.38
1120 900 2810 00 530 01			COMMUNICATIONS					.00
			Beginning balance					.00
07/23/2001	19328		PURCH STA IN TOUCH PAGING	69775		TD 64975	179.40	
09/25/2001	19847		PURCH STA IN TOUCH PAGING	70952		TD 64975	134.55	
10/29/2001	20099		PURCH C & C MAIL SERVICE	71513		TD 64962	26.92	
11/27/2001	20256		PURCH FEDEX	72024		TD 64960	16.28	
11/28/2001	20285		PURCH C & C MAIL SERVICE	72147		TD 64969	28.81	



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 2002-2003

April 10, 2003

Marion Schiefer
Starkville School District
401 Greensboro St.
Starkville, MS 39759

Re: Bill & Entity Number: 128732
471 Application Number: 314970, 306276, 305788
Your Correspondence Dated: September 26, 2002

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 2002 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 60-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.

Decision on Appeal: **Denied in full**
Explanation

- In your letter of appeal you have stated that that it is difficult to determine what documentation to include with the appeal as you thought that you had provided everything that was requested during Selective Review. You have attached two pieces of documentation that were previously sent to SLD, page 1 of the Item 25 fax back, and a letter from the district's Comptroller that includes a draft budget and comments regarding that budget. You have also attached a copy of the finalized budget form from the fund where your applicant's share was funded, and a copy of the ledger report from the previous years expenditures that shows where the applicant's share was paid out. You further state that your response to Selective Review included an explanation that some FRN's would be canceled, as the district did not receive a grant that was applied for. The Comptroller's letter to the SLD shows a total of \$116,496.00 being available for the applicant's share of E-rate eligible expenditures, which agrees with the applicant's share total on the Item 25 worksheet summary. You feel that the above information is adequate proof of the district's ability to pay the applicant's share of the FRN's being appealed, as well as evidence that you have paid the applicant's

share in the past. If the appeal is not granted the district may have difficulty paying all of the cost of these services.

- Upon review of the appeal it was determined that you have failed to demonstrate that you had secured access to the funds necessary to pay the non-discounted share of funding at the time you filed these Form 471 applications. You were faxed the Selective review questionnaire on 3/27/2002. The questionnaire indicated that the your non-discounted share of funding was \$133,638.37. Your response included documentation that established that the district had funding in the amount of \$116,496.00 available for the non-discounted share, and an explanation that several funding requests were being cancelled as the district did not receive a grant that had been applied for. Program rules require applicants to certify that they have secured access to the resources necessary to pay for the non-discounted portion of the costs for eligible services within the funding year. Per the SLD website, "Secured access" means that you can show that these funds are, or will be, part of your annual budget; or, if you are obtaining the funds from an outside source, that these funds have been promised to you. You have acknowledged that a grant was not received that was expected, and therefore requested the cancellation of several funding requests. However, as indicated previously, the applicant must have secured all funding at the time Form 471 is filed. As you have requested funding modifications based on the fact that expected funding was not approved, it is clear that the district did not have this funding in place at the time Form 471 was filed. Consequently, the appeal is denied.
- Applicants have to certify in Item 25 of the FCC Form 471 that, "[t]he eligible schools and libraries listed in Block 4 of this application have secured access to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, maintenance, and electrical connections necessary to make effective use of the services purchased as well as to pay the discounted charges for eligible services."
- On 3/27/2002 a Selective Review fax was sent to you based on your original funding request of \$676,350.43. This included a request for detailed budget information as well as other bidding information. This request included a 14-day expectation notification. You did not respond to the full request for information. Furthermore, the budget documentation that you submitted was only trying to support a reduced funding request. Applicants are required to provide budget documentation to support the entire non-discounted share as requested on the Form 471. Because SLD was unable to determine if you had sufficient funding to pay the non-discount amounts at the time your application was submitted, your appeal is denied.

If you believe there is a basis for further examination of your application, you may file an appeal with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) via United States Postal Service: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445-12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. If you are submitting your appeal to the FCC by other than 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 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.

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

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company