

REQUEST FOR WAIVER
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Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is a **request to waive** the FCC Form 471 application filing window deadline for Funding year 2005 for Billed Entity Bishop Perry Middle School, Entity #80024.

This request for waiver is in response to the SLD decision dated April 8, 2005 that the aforementioned Billed Entity's Form 471 (Application Number 487170) was postmarked on 03/01/2005, which is after the 2005-2006 filing window closed at 11:59 p.m. EST on Friday, February 18, 2005.

Bishop Perry Middle School is requesting this waiver because we missed the filing deadline for Form 471 because of extenuating circumstances. The authorized individual that has successfully submitted applications ON-TIME for the last three (3) funding years was out of the office on personal time (due to stress and illness) from January 3, 2005 through January 28, 2005 and was unable to file the necessary Form 470 by January 21, 2005 (the last possible date to allow a 28-day waiting period before filing a Form 471). Please note that missing the filing deadline is extremely uncharacteristic of this Billed Entity as we have successfully meet all deadlines for funded applications for Funding Years 2002, 2003, and 2004. This individual's absence from the office was not planned and could not be avoided as she is the only person authorized by the Billed Entity to submit applications and forms on the Entity's behalf, and due to extenuating circumstances was unable to perform the duties at the time.

We strongly believe that a deviation from the rules for filing deadlines for Bishop Perry Middle School would serve the public interest. Our school serves poor children from the New Orleans area that are in desperate need of

a school with adequate Internet and telecommunications access. In fact, every year Bishop Perry Middle School's discount rate for services is 90% due to the fact that over the years 95% to 100% of our student body qualifies for the federal free and reduced lunch program. The discounts we receive due to the reimbursement program offered by the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company (Erate) are invaluable and more than necessary to provide adequate Internet and telecommunications access to some of the neediest children in New Orleans.

We hope that you look favorably on this request for a waiver and thank you for your time and consideration.

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