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**Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary**

**In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrator's Board of  
Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Philadelphia School District hereby nominates Robert Westall for the school representative position to the Universal Service Administrative Company, pursuant to the public notice released October 3, 2005.

Bob Westall holds the position of Executive Director of Technology Services for the Philadelphia School District, where he has led the development of K-12 technology since 1997. He has coordinated Philadelphia's successful implementation and participation in the Universal Service E-rate program since its inception and knows the program's rules, regulations, procedures and nuances. He brings with him not only knowledge of the telecommunications industry, but also the perspective of an actual applicant that has navigated its way through the E-rate program since its inception.

Mr. Westall served with distinction on the SLD's Waste, Fraud and Abuse Task Force in 2003, representing the Council of the Great City Schools, a coalition of 60 of the nation's largest urban public school systems. But Mr. Westall will not only represent the perspective of the large urban schools, he will represent the interests of all schools in the country - both large and small, urban and rural, wealthy and poor. Because of his daily interaction with students, teachers, administrators and funding considerations he is well qualified to speak on behalf of the school applicant community. He knows first-hand the incredible impact E-rate can have on the delivery of high-quality educational services.

The House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations recently released their staff report detailing the findings of a year-long investigation into the E-rate program and contained in that report was an example of how the Philadelphia School District had effectively used the E-rate program. We are extremely proud of this mention and owe the credit for it to Bob and his management of the District's participation in the E-rate program.

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Thank you for your consideration of this nomination. If selected to join the USAC Board of Directors, he will proudly represent the Chairman as well as all schools in the nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia L. Renzulli". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Patricia L. Renzulli  
Senior Vice President, Information Technology