

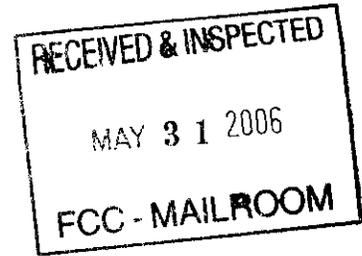
GLADES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Superintendent

May 23, 2006



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Administrative
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Director

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
9300 East Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

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Mazie T. Ford
Curriculum
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Re: 486 Deadlines – Wavier Request

Susan Williams
Finance Director

To Whom It May Concern:

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I am sending this correspondence to address a serious problem that has just come to my attention in the past two days and ask for a Wavier of 486 timeline requirements. The individual, who has filed the Glades County School District's (BEN # 127771) Erate forms, since the beginning of the program, unfortunately went on an unforeseen medical leave of absence due to Hurricane Wilma during the fall of this past school year. I was unaware that the 486 form for FRN #s 1246989 and 1247522, for telecommunication services, was not filed within the 120 day window (they have since been filed online). I understand that it is our responsibility to file the proper paperwork within the given time windows, I am not disputing that point, but what I am asking for is a possible hardship forgiveness due to our employee having to leave her position in such a hasty fashion.



As indicated above, the Glades County School District was and still is devastated by Hurricane Wilma, we have an estimated \$ 4.2 million in damages and losses, which doesn't seem like much, but with only 1200 students district wide, and a free and reduced rate of 84%, our tax base is quite low. In addition, we are facing an anticipated \$600,000 in unrecovered loses due to Wilma, which is roughly 7% of the district's entire budget. Therefore, the estimated \$49,000 that we could have severely cut due to the late submission does not seem like a great sum of money for some applicants; however, to the Glades County School District, and our given financial situation, these funds will tremendously benefit the academic growth of our students. I have reviewed the

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Hurricane Katrina Order, set forth by the FCC, I would hope that the FCC would take into consideration that some of the same devastation witnessed with Katrina was also witnessed in Glades County by Wilma.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 863-946-0202 ext. 13, or you can email me at scott.bass@gladesschools.org. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Bass".

Scott Bass
Director of Administrative Services

Appeal Information

- Glades County School District
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- Billed Entity # - 127771
- Company – Sprint INC.
- FRN # 1246989 and 1247522