

**EXHIBIT A**

**FILED SLD APPEAL AND ADMINISTRATOR'S APPEAL RESPONSE LETTER  
FOR:**

**E-RATE APPLICATION 538106  
FUNDING REQUEST: 1490237**

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**Billed Entity Number: 20582**  
**Form 471 Application Number: 538106**  
**Form 486 Application Number:**



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**Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2006-2007**

February 22, 2007

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Re: Applicant Name: LOTUS ACADEMY  
Billed Entity Number: 20582  
Form 471 Application Number: 538106  
Funding Request Number(s): 1490237  
Decision Letter Date: September 19, 2006  
Date Appeal Postmarked: January 08, 2007  
Your Correspondence Dated: December 05, 2006

Our records show that your appeal was postmarked more than 60 days after the date your Funding Commitment Decision Letter was issued, as shown above. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules require applicants to postmark appeals within 60 days of the date on the decision letter being appealed. FCC rules do not permit the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to consider your appeal.

If you believe there is a basis for further examination of your application, you may file an appeal with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be POSTMARKED within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD section of the USAC website or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

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Letter of Appeal  
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**RE: Appeal of Funding Commitment Decisions (Lotus Academy - Philadelphia, PA, BEN 20582, 471 application: 538106, FRN: 1490237)**

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of the captioned entity, we would respectfully appeal the SLD decision not to fund the captioned funding request.

It is our understanding that the captioned funding request was denied because the “The technology plan provided was deficient because one or more FCC-required elements were not included. Technology plans are required when applicants apply for more than basic wireless and wireline telephone services.” In response to this decision and the reason given, we respectfully submit one ground for appeal that we hope will help to overturn this decision.

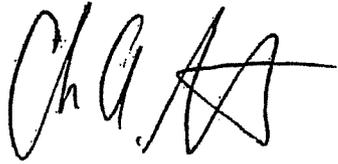
**Ground 1: SLD erred in its initial review**

We state, as a matter of fact, that the technology plan, was approved by an SLD-approved technology plan approver, and therefore must have contained the FCC required elements.

Furthermore, upon review, the technology plan was found to have all of the required FCC elements, as they are defined at the following website:  
<http://www.universalservice.org/sl/applicants/step02/technology-planning/>.

Thank you for your thoughtful review of our appeal; we hope that we provided sufficient grounds for our appeal to be granted. Should you require additional information or should have any questions, please feel free to contact Chris A. Quintanilla of Youth Empowerment Services, the school’s e-rate project manager and attorney-in-fact in this matter, at 215/694-3955 or [chrisqu@yesphilly.org](mailto:chrisqu@yesphilly.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris A. Quintanilla". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "C" and "Q", and a final flourish that extends to the right.

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