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February 11, 2008

From: Dr. Roger Abbe
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Re: **Waiver Request**

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am sending this letter to request a deadline waiver for Midway Public School's E-rate form 471. I am submitting this according to instructions provided by USAC. I have not submitted a request to USAC because their homepage indicates that only the FCC can grant such a waiver.

I am requesting the waiver because Midway's E-rate form 470 did not get filed until February 6, 2008 and, since the form 471 cannot be filed until 28 days after the form 470, it was impossible to get the form 471 submitted by February 7. I will admit that the reason for the last minute filing of form 470 was mere oversight on the part of the department responsible for filing it. In all honesty, I cannot claim that the reason is hardship, but I hope you will still consider granting this request in light of the timely manner this district has completed all of its E-rate paperwork in the past and the fact the form 470 did get filed before the deadline.

Thank you for considering this waiver. Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Roger Abbe, Superintendent

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REQUEST FOR WAIVER FY11
Franklin County Public School District
Entity #: 127603
Form 471# 637398

CC: 02-6

Franklin County Public School District, Florida is requesting a waiver from the FCC asking that the district's Form 471 be considered filed within the filing window for 2008-2009.

Franklin County is a rural county on the Gulf of Mexico with approximately 1200 students enrolled. Franklin County offers a comprehensive curriculum that meets the needs of our students. As most small school districts in today's educational environment, our resources are limited and technology funds are definitely a concern in our district. Currently, the district is consolidating four schools located throughout the county into one new centrally located facility in a cost cutting effort.

Over the course of the past eight years, our schools and county have lost population and businesses. Five hurricanes in the last five years have taken a toll on the economy of the county. Many businesses have closed and relocated to other areas away from the coast. As a result, jobs have been lost and families have moved or transferred to other places. Families relocating have affected our schools. With fewer students in our schools, we have reduced the number of staff. A decrease in staff has caused an increase in the workload for some. Additional duties have been added to job descriptions for those already burdened with wearing "many hats."

I am a teacher working as the technology and information services coordinator for six schools. I have been the lead contact for the project for transitioning services for the new consolidated school. My duties include E-Rate, technology support, staff technology development, bus transportation routes, reporting of student data, and Title II, Part D, Enhancing Education Through Technology. With these responsibilities, my schedule is hectic to say the least. I was called away from my E-Rate duties to work on issues involving the new school. When the original 471-deadline date changed, I neglected to make the change on my calendar. In my mind, I knew that the date had changed, but I did not realize that I had missed the deadline. I thought I had another week before the window closed.

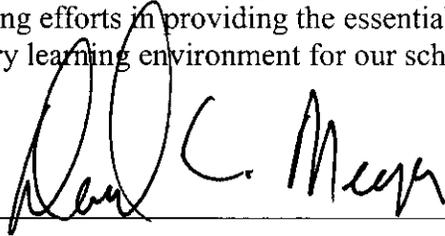
The telecommunication services, which we request through the E-Rate program are the backbone for funding connectivity to our school district. Denying the request for waiver would create undue hardship and prevent the school district from receiving the funding that it needs to bring advanced telecommunications and information services to our students.

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It is without question that a loss in funding due to the missed deadline on our Form 471 will place an undue hardship on our school district and will result in educational cutbacks. Lack of funds will create financial decisions on our school district that would affect the education programs of our students.

Thank you for considering this matter. We hope that your positive response will support Franklin District School's continuing efforts in providing the essential tools needed for developing and maintaining a 21st Century learning environment for our school community.

Authorized signature: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul C. Meyer". The signature is written over a horizontal line that serves as a baseline for the signature.

Title:

Technology and Networking Services Resource Teacher