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June 24, 2009

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as a formal appeal regarding the funding decision for North Wamac Grade School District #186. This is a "request for review" of a decision made by USAC (CC Docket No. 02-6). It is my intent that the following information will help substantiate our appeal. Additionally, I am submitting a waiver request of a deadline.

The person who can most readily discuss the appeal is myself, Brad Morris, Supt/Principal, North Wamac Grade School, 1500 Case St., Centralia, IL 62801, (618) 532-1826, (618) 532-8250 (fax), [bmorris@clinton.k12.il.us](mailto:bmorris@clinton.k12.il.us).

This letter is an appeal. The appellant is Brad E. Morris. The applicant is North Wamac Grade School District #186. The BEN number is 136708. The application number is 701043. We received a "funding year 2009 Form 471 was postmarked outside of the window letter." I am appealing the "holding of our application pending final review of the applications that were filed within the filing window."

As the school district's superintendent/principal, I have always been very timely in all filings with USAC. Unfortunately, this year, there were two items that caused me to err in timely filing. The first item was that of a major litigation case against North Wamac Grade School District #186. This is a litigation that I inherited when I accepted the position three years ago. The judgment of the Circuit Court favored the plaintiff; therefore, the district appealed this decision. The judgment of the Appellate Court was also in favor of the plaintiff, and, consequently, the district was forced to pay approximately \$75,000.00 in damages. Furthermore, during the filing window period, I had to spend an exorbitant amount of time

BRAD MORRIS

working with the plaintiff's attorney, the district's attorney, my bookkeeper, and the teacher retirement service (TRS) to ensure that the judgment amount and the TRS benefit were properly calculated.

The second item that caused me to err in my filing of Form 471 was that of a full-compliance visit by the Regional Office of Education. I spent an exorbitant amount of time during the filing window updating School Board policies, updating personnel files, administering miscellaneous surveys, etc. in preparing the district for this visit, as the district's "full-recognition status" hinged on the Regional Office finding the district in full compliance.

I have enclosed all pertinent documents received by USAC, including the USAC letter confirming that the Form 471 application was postmarked outside of the filing window, as well as the administrator's decision on appeal for funding year 2009-2010.

In closing, I am not trying to inundate you with excuses for my untimely filing of Form 471, but in all honesty, I was very overwhelmed by the above-mentioned circumstances, and I completely lost track of the Form 471 filing window. As the superintendent/principal of a small K-8 school district, I take tremendous pride in striving to keep the district financially solvent. USAC funding is a very important piece of funding to the North Wamac School District, and I hope that you would grant us this funding opportunity again for the 2009-2010 school year.

I thank you in advance for your reconsideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (618) 532-1826.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brad E. Morris".

Brad E. Morris  
Superintendent/Principal

# USAC

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NORTH WAMAC SCHOOL DIST 186  
1500 CASE ST  
CENTRALIA, IL 62801-5050



**FUNDING YEAR 2009 FORM 471  
POSTMARKED OUTSIDE OF WINDOW**

June 5, 2009

BRAD E. MORRIS  
NORTH WAMAC SCHOOL DIST 186  
1500 CASE ST  
CENTRALIA, IL 62801-5050

Re: Applicant's Form Identifier: FY10  
Form 471 Application Number: 701043

Dear BRAD E. MORRIS:

We're sending this letter to thank you for your recent Form 471 application. Your Form 471 application was postmarked on 03/24/2009, which is AFTER the Funding Year 2009-2010 filing window closed at 11:59 p.m. EST on Thursday, February 12, 2009.

Program rules require us to hold your application pending final review of those applications that were filed within the filing window. We will post an announcement on the USAC website at [www.usac.org/sl](http://www.usac.org/sl) once we determine if funding applications that were submitted within the application filing window will fully utilize all the funds available for this Funding Year.

For more information about the processing of pending applications, about funding for applications filed after the close of the filing window or about plans for future Funding Years, please visit our website or call the Client Service Bureau at 1-888-203-8100.

**TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:**

If you wish to appeal a decision indicated in this letter, your appeal must be received by USAC or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and (if available) email address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the decision letter and the decision you are appealing:
  - Appellant name,
  - Applicant or service provider name,
  - BEN,
  - Application number 701043 as assigned by USAC,
  - "Funding Year 2009 Form 471 Postmarked Outside of Window Letter,"AND
  - The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.
3. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation.

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Brad E. Morris  
North Wamac Grade School  
1500 Case St  
Centralia, IL 62801

Billed Entity Number: 136708  
Form 471 Application Number: 701043  
Form 486 Application Number:

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Billed Entity Number: 136708  
Form 471 Application Number: 701043  
Form 486 Application Number:



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Schools & Libraries Division

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**Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2009-2010**

June 19, 2009

Brad E. Morris  
North Wamac Grade School  
1500 Case St  
Centralia, IL 62801

Re: Applicant Name: NORTH WAMAC SCHOOL DIST 186  
Billed Entity Number: 136708  
Form 471 Application Number: 701043  
Funding Request Number(s): 1919961, 1919962, 1919963, 1919964, 1919965  
Your Correspondence Dated: June 15, 2009

The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) received your request for a waiver of the Application Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2009 of the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism.

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules do not permit USAC to consider requests for waivers. If you believe there is a basis for further examination of your request, you may file a waiver request with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your waiver request to the FCC. If you are submitting your waiver request 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 a waiver request 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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