



## ORCHARD VIEW SCHOOLS

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Scot Simperts  
Special Compliance Reviewer  
USAC, Schools and Libraries Division  
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Dear Mr. Simperts:

I am in receipt of your November 20, 2008 Special Compliance stating that in FY 2008, the Orchard View School District discouraged competitive bidding regarding requests for cellular service.

I am the administrator in charge of our E-Rate funding applications. I can attest to you that I, as well as, Orchard View Schools have never discouraged a vendor regarding our cell phone contracts. And in fact, we have two vendors covered under E-Rate (Verizon Wireless and Nextel).

It is my understanding that you received a letter of concern from Ms. Jane Johnson with CellularOne, Dobson Cellular Systems. After searching our files, I can find no notations of any direct conversations with Ms. Johnson. I did find an e-mail from our e-rate consultant advising Ms. Johnson to contact me. To the best of my knowledge she did not talk with anyone at Orchard View, she did not send any information, and she did not forward a quotation. If she would have called, I assure you, I would have gladly answered questions as well as accepted a bid, had one been submitted.

I am also enclosing a statement from my administrative assistant, at that time, Mrs. Sherri Andrew. She handled all routine vendor inquiries as well as correspondence; she has no recollection of any phone inquiries or bids.

Mr. Simperts, Orchard View Schools did not discourage competitive bidding, specifically, in regard to the entity's funding requests for cellular service. I would ask that their Yr 11 2008 funding requests be approved as requested.

If you have additional questions, or need additional information, please call me at your earliest convenience. I can be reached at 231-760-1591.

Sincerely,

Bruce Haase  
Director of Technology,  
Orchard View Schools  
Enclosures