

As a media director of a school district that relies heavily on our website as a way to communication with staff, students, and parents, I feel compelled to inform you of my strong disagreement in your proposed stance to make web hosting ineligible for E-Rate funding. Now more than ever our website is vital to our communication efforts. Since 2004, web hosting funding has allowed us to communicate in ways previously not available prior to adding web hosting to the Eligible Services List.

In your filing, FCC-09-105A1, you reference web hosting as "we do not believe it is essential to the educational purposes of schools and libraries." Web hosting is a service that provides critical information to parents as well as lesson information or homework assignments to students. This is an essential element to our educational purposes. Your group was enlightened enough in 2004 to see the need for this service. You were correct and applauded for your keen awareness at that time; do not make a grave mistake today by removing something that is working so well.

I strongly urge you NOT to move forward with your tentative plan to remove webhosting for the ESL.