

To: FCC

Re: Proposed E-Rate Funding Changes regarding Web Hosting

As a high school technology teacher, I am very concerned about the possible removal of web-site hosting from the list of E-rate eligible services. As we continue to become a more 'web based' community I am in total disagreement with your tentative plan to remove web hosting from the Eligible Service List.

I deeply question how you could state that web sites are not essential to educational purposes, especially given the fact that you had the vision to make these services eligible in 2004.

Our website has become the most critical and valuable means of communication with parents and the community. In addition there are several state laws requiring certain items to be posted on the district or school website.

Having current information about a child's education IS essential to OUR educational purpose.

Schools today face major funding issues of all sorts. Please do not take away the very information that enables our parents to be the most involved and make the best decisions possible about the education of their children!

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