

To Whom It May Concern:

The proposal to eliminate funding for website hosting from the Universal Service Support Mechanism will harm schools and students. A school's website is its front door, its first impression to funders and potential students (especially important for charter and small schools), and one of the best ways to keep parents and students informed.

While the Internet increasingly becomes a more and more valuable and important tool for schools, most schools do not have the financial resources to host these services themselves. Schools depend on support from the Universal Service fund to host web services, and without it, many school will reduce or eliminate their websites, which will harm students.

The FCC should decide to retain the eligibility of web hosting for the benefit of students.

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