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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 06, 2012 5:12 PM  
**To:** Mark Nadel  
**Subject:** Northside's Appeal regarding FRN 272219 - here is the Affidavit we discussed  
**Attachments:** Leslie Blankfien - Northside Chief of Education Services 3-6-12 Affidavit.pdf

CC Docket No. 02-6

Hi Mark,

Thank you once again for the time and energy you have put into reconsidering funding FRN 272219.

Attached please find the affidavit we discussed. If there is any additional information or documentation you need, please call me or email me, whichever is more convenient for you.

Thanks,  
Leo Genn  
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**AFFIDAVIT**

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Leslie Blankfien, being duly sworn, on oath states that:

I understand that Northside Center for Child Development, Inc.'s ("Northside") plans to submit this Affidavit to the Federal Communications Commission concerning Northside's purchases of Erate related technology for the Erate funding year that ran from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000.

From October 1998 to June 2003, I was the Chief of Education Services at Northside. While in that position, in consultation with other Northside Staff Members, I evaluated Northside's student's and educator's needs for computer and phone technology, as well as voice and data connections. Approximately six or seven months before each Northside fiscal year was to begin on the upcoming First day of July, I prepared Northside's budget for school related expenditures relative to computer and phone technology and voice and data connections for the upcoming fiscal year. I also determined what portion of the cost of those items would be eligible for Erate Reimbursement and what technology costs would need other sources of funding.

During the months of December 1998 and January 1999, in consultation with other Northside staff members, I prepared Northside's Education Technology Budget for Northside's Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2000 ("FY 00"). I had input in Northside's FY 00 proposed budget wherein Northside intended to spend:

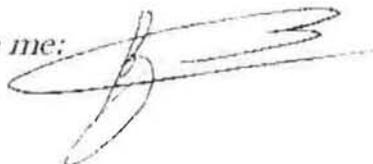
- a. some of the \$126,301 budgeted for Supplies and Materials - - on Computer and Telephone Hardware and Software,
- b. some of the \$57,055 budgeted for equipment - - on Computer and Telephone Hardware and Software and.
- c. some of the \$28,799 budgeted for training and staff events - - on Computer training of Northside's education staff.

Given that for FY 00, Northside budgeted to provide \$212,155 (\$126,301 + \$57,0155 + \$28,799) to pay for Technology Related and Non Technology related Supplies, Materials, Equipment and Training and that Northside also budgeted \$74,000 exclusively for communications, by comparing those budget allocations with \$147,379 in projected Technology related expenses, we can see that for FY 00, Northside over budgeted for Technology. Having been a Department Chief at Northside for several years, I know that over budgeting across several budget lines is necessary because, without it, if something unforeseeable happens in one budget line, that might cause a crippling across the board budget shortfall. By over budgeting in several costs centers, when there is an unforeseen cost overrun in one cost center, unused or otherwise available funding in other budget lines can be reallocated. Thus and only thus, Northside can avoid somewhat foreseeable crippling budget shortfalls. By following this longstanding practice in FY 00, Northside's budget for Northside's fiscal year ending June 30, 2000 did contain the funding necessary to pay for the Technology discussed in the Technology Plan we submitted for that period.

Leslie Blankfien  
Leslie Blankfien

Sworn to before me:

in 3/6/2012



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