

# Bucklin R-2 School

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To Whom It May Concern,

I have received notification that my appeal for late filing waiver has been denied.

I would like to address the financial hardship the loss of these funds this places on our district. We are a small, rural district who has faced significant revenue cuts at the state level. In-district we have cut our music instruction to a half-time position, at recent board meetings we have eliminated the Family and Consumer Science program completely, have decided not to trade/purchase a bus this year (though it is the year in rotation to make this purchase budget constraints simply will not allow it), did not give teachers and staff a raise for the coming 2013-14 school year, did not replace a food service employee who retired in October 2012, but instead delegated her duties among a few others already on staff. So, you can see that at the district we are trying to save money to see us through these hard economic days. Employees are being assigned more responsibilities with no increase in pay to balance our budget until those hard days turn around

The loss of the schools and libraries universal service support program funds will have a significant negative impact to our district as they are used for cellular telephone to maintain communication with our school buses. The result will be that our buses will be on some fairly isolated, country gravel roads with houses being five or more miles apart with no means of communication should any adverse situation arise for them. We have tried two-way radios and found them to be much less effective than the cellular telephones.

We also use these funds to provide telephone and long-distance service to our district building. We will be greatly disadvantaged without telephone service in our building.

We will have to dig deeply and strategically to fund the two aforementioned services without the granting of the E-rate funds to our district.

I am devastated that after twenty-one years of service to this district that my personal illness and health issues have cost our district so much money by loss of the E-rate funds. We count on these funds each and every year and one late filing is threatening to take them out of our budget for the coming year.

Any consideration to this matter will be greatly appreciated ! Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

*Jackie M. Haynes*

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Form 471 Late Filing Appeal

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FCC File Nos	SLD-853062 et al
CC Docket No	026
Application No	933571
Funding Year	2013

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