

On behalf of Springs Valley Schools, I would like recommend the FCC consider the following in regards to its proposal for changes in the e-rate program. It is my understanding that e-rate was established to provide Internet connectivity to schools and libraries for the purpose of education and communication. As modernizations in education and communication technology take place, such as video and web based education software, the demand for greater bandwidth is growing. Therefore, the FCC needs to continue supporting and expanding the support of ongoing and increasing connectivity demands to meet these needs. To divert or repurpose e-rate funding would stall and possibly erode the great progress that has been made in education through technology and communication. As you look at reforming the e-rate program, please continue to support and expand connectivity and bandwidth to schools and libraries so that further educational progress can be fulfilled. Thank you.