

While it is understandable and recognizable that there are many free options available for email and web hosting, the features providing security and safety to students is often times lacking. Additionally, many of the free systems do not have a support structure that helps students and staff. I am very hopeful that the email and web hosting services continue to be funded as a priority one service through the Federal ERate program. We need systems and support that are designed for and promote educational use as well as provide technological and system requirements for enterprise level management, FERPA, CIPA, and section 508 compliance. This combined with requirements for backup, restoration, and versioning and archival are often found in "paid for" instead of free solutions. Please reconsider the proposed rule-making to eliminate funding for email and web hosting services.

Sincerely

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