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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Federal Communication Commission

From: Heath Grimes   
Superintendent

RE: E-Rate Modernization Proposal

The Lawrence County School System is excited about the proposed reform and improvement to the E-Rate program. Our schools and libraries have greatly benefited from this program in past years. I would like to encourage the commission to focus on some facts that have/will have a great impact on our system:

1. demand for more broadband for learning are growing beyond schools' ability to provide it;
2. broadband access is necessary to meet school reform and improvement goals, provide equitable educational opportunities and improve learning for all students;
3. the program needs to be simplified so the paperwork burden does not detract from participation;
4. the program should better target school needs which have changed since e-Rate's inception in 1996; and
5. more funding is required to meet these needs.

I would appreciate the commission's attention to these issues when reforming the program.