



September 10, 2013

**CPSB ERATE Resolution Concerning the FCC E-Rate NPRM, proceeding 13-184**

**WHEREAS** the E-Rate has been of great importance to the Calcasieu Parish Public Schools and;

**WHEREAS** the E-Rate has helped our students and teachers gain access to a wealth of online resources, to communicate and collaborate, and to develop the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills necessary for college and career and;

**WHEREAS** E-Rate funding levels have not kept pace with the Calcasieu Parish Public Schools' current and future bandwidth needs and;

**WHEREAS** we know that seamlessly infusing digital learning throughout the school curriculum is a pre-requisite for students to graduate from high school with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in today's global economy and;

**WHEREAS** access to high speed broadband is the key for modern teaching and learning to occur in all schools across the country and;

**WHEREAS** the Calcasieu Parish Public Schools use digital learning to personalize learning, provide online classes, meet common core state standards, administer online assessments, and make data driven decisions and;

**WHEREAS** the Calcasieu Parish Public Schools network currently is severely limited in keeping up with demand and;

**WHEREAS** the need for a high speed reliable network is only going to increase in the near future and;

**WHEREAS** the E-rate program has been a phenomenal success in bringing Internet access to almost every classroom in America and;

**WHEREAS** in the last funding cycle applications from schools and libraries to the Universal Services Administrative Corporation (USAC) totaled more than \$5 billion, more than double the available funding;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the Calcasieu Parish School Board respectfully urges the FCC to increase funding for the E-Rate program to at least \$5 billion to meet this demand.

Approved by the Calcasieu Parish School Board – September 10, 2012

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wayne Savoy".

Wayne Savoy, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board

*All children are important to us*