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In the matter of)
Modernizing the E-rate) WC Docket No. 13-184
Program for Schools and Libraries)

COMMENTS BY Jurupa Unified School District
RELATED TO THE E-RATE 2.0 NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

September 16, 2013

Dear Sir/Madame,

The Jurupa Unified School District is pleased to comment on the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to modernize the E-rate program. Jurupa Unified School District is located in Riverside County, California. The geographic location of the Jurupa area is the upper western corner of Riverside County, California, north and west of the Santa Ana River and south of the San Bernardino-Riverside County line. The Jurupa Unified School District is composed of 16 elementary schools (grades K-6), 3 middle schools (grades 7-8), three comprehensive high schools (grades 9-12), and one continuation high school. Jurupa Unified School District serves approximately 19, 500 students.

The E-Rate program is program succeeding in its mission. Changes to this program should be focused on expanding this successful program that has yet to reach its full potential. This year Jurupa Unified School District began implementing the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Our adoption of the CCSS means that our students will be better prepared to meet the demands of college and/or the work of the 21st century. The E-Rate program has been of great importance to our school district because it has helped our students and teachers gain access to a wealth of online resources, to communicate and collaborate, and to develop the 21st century skills necessary for college and career.

In the Jurupa Unified School District, the E-Rate program pays for approximately 90% of our internet and phone services. Without this funding, our district will have to make severe cuts to numerous programs. The E-Rate process needs to be less burdensome for schools, and aligned more effectively to current and future K-12 education priorities.

Libraries and coffee shops that offer Internet connections are not a substitute for enabling a student to be at home at 11:00 p.m. doing homework and collaborating with classmates. The single most effective step the FCC can take

to bolster E-Rates current and future success is to provide \$5 billion in funding, an amount commensurate with current demand.

Thank you for considering my response as you move forward with your decision on the E-Rate program. I urge you to support significant increased funding for the E-Rate program, and to ensure that the program and its limited resources are protected and preserved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joshua Lewis", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Joshua Lewis
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