

Greetings,

The erate program is very important to our School District and our surrounding school districts in Eastern Washington State. Most of the communities in this area are very low income and rely on the schools to help educate their children. Most of our families are farm workers and have very little money. They see a future in their kids going to school and getting the best education. Without the erate program our technology would be very limited in what we could accomplish as a School and as a community. With the help of erate we have become known as one of the best Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics schools in the state of Washington. Ninety percent of our kids go on to graduate and attend some form of college or technical school. I would strongly urge you to increase the amount of money for the erate program to help bring our impoverished youth a better education and put them on a level playing field with the richer communities.

Thank you