

I write to provide Comments to the FCC on the E-Rate NPRM, proceeding 13-184. The E-Rate has been of great importance to my 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. However, E-Rate funding levels have not kept pace with my school district's current and future technology needs. I urge you to consider raising the E-rate funding level to at least \$6 billion per year, in order to support the demand level that has been required for the last two years. .

As a Network Administrator in the Inglewood USD in California, I 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.

We appreciate the help in providing the resources to connect the district to the Internet, allowing online access to all the different activities performed in the classrooms. Thanks to the E-Rate funds we have been able to connect every classroom. However, the evolution of Technology requires a constant investment in equipment and support. Technology is not a one time investment. Our community is not affluent and we lack the resources to keep up with the periodic upgrade of equipment that is required to support the demand for services. Common Core State Standards is only one of the factors that require upgrading our system, although it is the one factor with the most impact now and in the near future. My network will not be able to support the massive demand for resources that Common Core requires unless it is upgraded.

The E-rate program has been a phenomenal success in bringing Internet access to almost every classroom in America. In the last funding cycle applications from schools and libraries totaled more than \$5 billion, more than double the available funding. I respectfully urge the FCC to increase funding for the E-Rate program to at least \$6 billion to meet this demand. All students need access to high speed broadband. Our nation's future depends on their success.