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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Modernizing the E-Rate Program for Schools and Libraries, WC Docket No. 13-184

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 29, 2014, Evan Marwell, CEO of EducationSuperHighway and Jim Kohlenberger of JK Strategies met with Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel and Priscilla Delgado Argeris. In the meeting, Mr. Marwell discussed the work EducationSuperHighway was doing to provide the Commission with data regarding the status of broadband connectivity in America's K-12 schools and how E-rate funds were being spent. In addition, the group discussed the needs of various stakeholders in the E-rate proceeding.

Specifically, Mr. Marwell provided high level results of EducationSuperHighway's SchoolSpeedTest program which concluded that 72% of schools do not meet the SETDA standards for digital learning. He also noted that the SchoolSpeedTest data suggest that the median school has approximately 33 megabits of bandwidth. In relation to E-rate spending, Mr. Marwell described EducationSuperHighway's Form 471 Item 21 analysis of E-rate spending and disclosed the following preliminary results: (1) approximately 51% of P1 spending is on data networks, with the balance distributed among voice service, wireless and other services; (2) The median school pays \$25 per megabit per month for bandwidth while the top quartile pays \$2 and the bottom quartile pays \$85; (3) Over half of the schools with fiber connectivity do not meet the ConnectED goals as a result of affordability issues; (4) districts with their own fiber networks pay significantly less per megabit than districts who lease services from service providers; and (5) districts with their own fiber networks are spread across urban, suburban and rural geographies but have in common that they are all wealthier districts with the ability to raise funds from their constituencies to pay for fiber investments. This last point led to a discussion of the need to ensure that all schools have the same broadband choices and that less affluent districts shouldn't have fewer choices than wealthy school districts.

Kindly direct any questions regarding this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

/s/ Evan Marwell
Evan Marwell
CEO

cc: Commissioner Rosenworcel
Priscilla Delgado Argeris