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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 Jon Wilkins, Managing Director; Michael Steffen, Office of Managing Director; Lisa Hone, Wireline Competition Bureau; Mark Walker, Wireline Competition Bureau; Anne Levine, Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis; and Nicholas Alexander, Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis.

In the meeting, we reviewed several systems EducationSuperHighway is developing to help collect data on the state of broadband infrastructure in America's schools and libraries and how E-rate funds are being spent. We reviewed our Item 21 Data Entry Portal, our K-12 Internet Infrastructure web platform mock-up and our thoughts on how the Commission might automate the process of collecting data on broadband utilization in schools and libraries. We have attached a copy of the presentation used to review these items and interested parties can view the K-12 Internet Infrastructure database mockup at k12database.educationsuperhighway.org.

We also discussed the status of EducationSuperHighway's analysis of E-rate Form 471 Item 21 data and the GIS analysis we are conducting to estimate the amount of fiber required to connect school districts to CENIC in California. In addition, we provided the attendees with copies of EducationSuperHighway's policy brochure (we are including a PDF version with this filing). Finally, we discussed some initial ideas on how to most effectively allocate funding under the program.

We provided high level results of EducationsSuperHighway's SchoolSpeedTest program which concluded that 72% of schools do not meet the SETDA standards for digital learning. We also noted that the SchoolSpeedTest data suggest that the median school has approximately 33 megabits of bandwidth. We disclosed preliminary conclusions from EducationSuperHighway's Form 471 Item 21 analysis of E-rate spending, including: (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

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