



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

DANIEL J FOREST LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 19, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte presentation in WC 13-184

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, March 18, 2014, several representatives of the State of North Carolina met with Commissioner Rosenworcel and Priscilla Delgado Argeris, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Rosenworcel, to discuss E-rate reform.

The State of North Carolina representatives included:

- The Honorable Dan Forest, Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina
- The Honorable June Atkinson, Ed.D., State Superintendent of Schools, North Carolina
- Mike Ozburn, Assistant to the North Carolina Office of the State Chief Information Officer
- Jamey Falkenbury, Lt. Governor of North Carolina Director of Operations
- Virginia Johnson, Director North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory, DC office
- Phil Emer, Director of Technology, Friday Institute for Educational Innovation
- Barry Pace, E-Rate Coordinator, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
- Joe Freddoso, President and CEO MCNC
- Ryan Hart, Legislative Aide to Senator Richard Burr

The North Carolina team outlined the success of the North Carolina School Connectivity Initiative that has resulted in all K-12 public school districts and 95% of all K-12 public schools in the state possessing fiber optic connections to a statewide education backbone network, to advanced research networks such as Internet2 and to the commercial Internet. The North Carolina team explained the state statute (Session Law 2013-12) that requires a transition to all digital course materials in K-12 public education by school year 2017-2018. The North Carolina

team expressed that while scalable fiber connections to schools were for the most part complete (97% plus come 2014-15), and while there may be a high percentage of wireless coverage, in fact over 50% of school local area networks (LAN) and in-building wireless LANs are inadequate for the robust digital teaching and learning we endeavor to have in place in North Carolina's schools by 2017-18.

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The North Carolina team expressed a desire to work with Commissioner and staff to address in-building connectivity issues that are highlighted in E-Rate Notice of Proposed Rule Making.

Further information is contained in the attached powerpoint materials that were distributed at the meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Forest', with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Honorable Dan Forest
Lieutenant Governor
State of North Carolina