

Dear Governing Powers of the FCC:

I strongly urge you to increase the size of the eRate fund BEFORE you decide to get rid of support for voice services! Voice services are important to our school. Each our our administrative team carries an iPad with voice services to meetings where no wifi is available, to sporting events that they supervise, and even on the road as they travel for business. This greatly increases our ability to work when we are not in our physical school buildings! It makes no sense to get rid of voice services before increasing the size of the eRate fund! I read that the FCC has said they would increase the size of the fund after next year ?if the need is there? ? which is exactly why they shouldn't decide to get rid of voice before they do that! Let me adamantly emphasize that the NEED is there. We aren't using these services to check our facebook account or check the latest pinterest posts, we have our own personal phones for this! We are working! You currently only fund twenty percent of the charges for these services (as we take our iPads with us everywhere we go). Don't you think that since we are willing to pay 80% of these charges ourselves, that this is obviously a valuable work tool for schools? I shudder to think what this might mean for our school who uses VoiP service ENTIRELY as our phone system! Please, please, please, I urge you increase funding for voice services and the eRate fund in general.

Thank you,

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