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RE: REQUEST FOR REVIEW – APPEAL OF FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTERS FOR FUNDING YEAR 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

The Los Angeles Unified School District (“District or LAUSD”) is submitting this Request for Review (collectively, the “Request”) in response to recent Funding Commitment Decision Letters (FCDL) received by the District for Funding Year 2013.

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Introduction

Denial of funding of the above mentioned applications limits access of advance telecommunications services to classrooms and to students. Los Angeles Unified School District has adopted Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in order to provide students with the education needed to succeed after graduation. In addition, the District has committed funding and resources and is purchasing thousands of tablets, ipads, and curriculum. As part of the implementation of CCSS, the District is providing on-line testing to assess the academic progress of students.

Background

The District developed a strategic execution plan to provide the wireless density and bandwidth necessary to deliver instruction. Part of the execution plan included 77 schools listed in applications for Funding Year 2013 (878119, 878214, 878231, 878296, 878618, 878642, 878808, and 878810). These Priority Two applications sought funding to provide the network connectivity needed in classrooms which serve large percentages of students living below the poverty level.

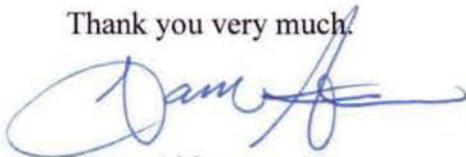
The District received FCDLs dated March 5, 2014 stating that the Funding Year 2013 funding cap would not provide for Priority Two applications. The District has taken the lead to provide the end devices and curriculum to its entire K-12 student population. Based upon historical funding information, the District expectation was that the E-Rate Program would fund applications to provide adequate telecommunication access in classrooms at 77 schools. The FCC decision not to fund Priority Two applications does not meet the intent of Public Law 104, Section 254, Universal Service section b6 which states that elementary and secondary schools **and classrooms** should have access to advance telecommunication services.

Conclusion

The District is appealing the funding denial of Form 471 Application Numbers: 878119, 878214, 878231, 878296, 878618, 878642, 878808, and 878810. The District seeks approval of the listed applications to deliver the access needed by all students in **all classrooms** in the applications listed.

If you have any questions, or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (213) 241-1802 or james.alther@lausd.net. Thank you in advance for your prompt and courteous attention to resolving this matter.

Thank you very much.



James Alther