



Como-Pickton Consolidated Independent School District

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Re: Proposed E-Rate changes

Dear FCC:

I oppose the “per-pupil funding” change in E-Rate program. I teach in a small 2A poverty level school. CPCISD has made technology a priority. I’m a technology teacher that chose this small school district because they had the best computer systems in our county. In the past 15+ years, I’ve witnessed students become excited about school because technology gave them powerful tools to achieve academic excellence. We were able to give all our students (including poverty-level students) the same opportunities as students from wealthy school districts.

I live in a rural East Texas community and high speed computer access is much more expensive due to poor signals, dense forests, dead zones, old phone lines, etc. We don’t have all the connectivity options as urban areas.

I firmly believe technology is the great equalizer when it comes to education and achievement.

Please don’t take our students’ biggest motivator and equalizer away!

Sincerely,
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