



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Larry Kissell
U.S. House of Representatives
1632 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Kissell:

Thank you for your letter regarding three appeals filed by the Union County Public Schools with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) regarding to the school district's applications for funding under the federal universal service schools and libraries support mechanism for funding years 2008, 2009, and 2010. This program is commonly referred to as the E-rate program. Your concerns are very important to me.

The Commission's policies strive to balance the goal of providing the important benefits of the E-rate program to eligible schools and libraries with the need to protect the integrity of the program and investigate potential waste, fraud, and abuse. Commission staff has confirmed that USAC received the appeals and is reviewing them. USAC has assured the staff that it is making every effort to conclude its review as quickly and equitably as possible. If Union County Public Schools is unsatisfied with USAC's decision once it is issued, the school may file an appeal with the Commission within 60 days from the date of the USAC decision.

I appreciate your interest in this important matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,



Julius Genachowski