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To: Superintendents and Charter Administrators  
Re: Denial of E-rate Request for Funding

Monday, May 02, 2016

Dear Superintendents and Charter Administrators,

On April 28, 2016 we were contacted by several Idaho school districts about notices received from the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) regarding intent to deny funding for E-rate services requested for funding years 2013 and 2014. At this point, we do not have complete information as to whether these districts were simply a part of the state's E-rate application under the IEN, or whether they filed an individual and separate E-rate application for additional services (such as WAN) received under the IEN contract.

In an effort to support you, we are working with the Governor's Office, Office of the Attorney General, and the Department of Administration on a statewide response regarding this matter. We will work as quickly as we can to provide further direction, and will let you know as soon as possible. It is the intent of all involved to find a solution that best supports Idaho school districts moving forward.

The state has initially responded to the denial of funding for E-rate services to assist USAC in making their final determination. With this response, the state has also requested and been granted an extension to June 3<sup>rd</sup> for an official response and a final determination to be made.

The decision as to whether school districts would also like to respond and request an extension to June 3<sup>rd</sup> should be discussed by each district's legal counsel. These discussions need to occur with a district's attorney based on their legal risks/costs and should be approached on a case-by-case basis. Please be aware that USAC permits recipients of such letters to request an extension in order to have time to properly review, consult with counsel, and respond.

If you have additional questions regarding the E-rate process and options available under PIA review, you may contact Todd Lawrence, the Idaho Department of Education E-rate Coordinator, at [tlawrence@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:tlawrence@sde.idaho.gov).

Sincerely,

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