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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for your request for comment regarding the off-campus use of existing E-rate supported connectivity.

The Public School Facilities Authority, under the direction of the Public School Capital Outlay Council, is developing the Broadband Deficiencies Correction Program - to improve the broadband infrastructure for all the public school districts and charters in New Mexico.

The members of the NM BDCP School Advisory Group, the group of schools assisting our program development, are for the off-campus use of existing E-rate supported connectivity – please see the attached correspondence. Our organization supports this direction as well.

There is a lot of work left to be done to close the “homework gap” in New Mexico. This is a priority for the NM US congressional delegation - please see the press release from NM US Senator Tom Udall: [https://www.tomudall.senate.gov/?p=press\\_release&id=2328](https://www.tomudall.senate.gov/?p=press_release&id=2328)

Thank you for your work to assist schools and libraries in their effort to improve broadband connectivity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ovidiu Viorica".

Ovidiu Viorica, BDC Program Manager  
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cc: Robert Gorrell, Director, PSFA  
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