



March 15, 2018

Ms. Catriona Ayer
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School and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company
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Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Ms. Ayer:

On behalf of school districts in the state of Texas, thank you for your support of the E-rate program and Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC) dedication to ensuring our students have access to broadband connections that meet the federal standard for high-speed Internet.

Texas is expecting school districts to take full advantage of the Category 1 special construction state match opportunity during the Fiscal Year 2018 funding cycle and submit their applications prior to the March 22, 2018 filing deadline. However, due to state funding requirements, the \$25 million Texas state matching funds will **expire on August 31, 2019**.

To give school districts the best possible opportunity to fully implement Category 1 special construction projects and utilize the state matching funds, we respectfully request your continued support in reviewing and approving all special construction funding requests in a quick and timely manner.

If you have any questions concerning the Texas state match program, please email classroomconnectivity@tea.texas.gov. The State of Texas shares USAC's commitment to ensuring all students have access to broadband and looks forward to successfully accomplishing this initiative together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Morath".

Mike Morath
Commissioner of Education

cc: Ms. Radha Sekar, CEO, USAC
Mr. Ajit Pai, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission