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Funds For Learning CEO John Harrington Named 'Kathy Hurley Private Sector Champion'

Harrington recognized at annual CoSN conference for his work in E-rate, volunteerism in the education community

EDMOND, OKLA. (April 7, 2016) – John Harrington, CEO of Funds For Learning, received CoSN's <u>Kathy Hurley Private Sector Champion Award</u> for his work helping schools and districts access the E-rate program. Every year, this award highlights those in the private sector who are making important contributions to CoSN and education technology. Harrington received the award this week during CoSN's annual conference.

"John has been a tireless advocate for E-rate, working to meet the needs of school districts and helping them to utilize this valuable program," said Tom Ryan, CoSN16 conference chair and the new CoSN chair elect, before presenting the award. "He shines a light on ways that E-rate funds can improve digital learning. While the recent reforms have taken great strides to improve the E-rate program, there is still work to be done to ensure every student is receiving equitable access to Internet – and John is working to make this a reality."

To qualify for the Kathy Hurley Private Sector Champion Award, the honoree must go beyond what is required of his or her job description and provide high-quality and strategic value to CoSN and the education community. The award program began in 2000 and has recognized leaders from education and technology companies – and beyond.

CoSN acknowledged Harrington for his advocacy of the E-rate program and his work to ensure every student receives equitable access to the Internet. Harrington has been an integral member of CoSN and has dedicated countless hours to helping the community understand the need for the E-rate program and the impact of its changes.

"This award comes as a complete surprise to me, and is truly an honor," Harrington said. "Knowing I was considered among some of the most forward-thinking, selfless people in the

CoSN and education technology space is very humbling. I share this honor with all of those who continue working to make Internet access available for every child."

Funds For Learning began in 1997 and provides high-quality consulting and support services to schools and libraries seeking connectivity. Driven to help clients understand and maintain compliance with E-rate rules and regulations, Funds For Learning guides participants through the regulatory process by successfully managing and preparing their E-rate paperwork.

To learn more about the Kathy Hurley Private Sector Champion Award, visit www.cosn.org/about/awards/kathy-hurley-private-sector-champion.

About Funds For Learning

Funds For Learning, LLC, is an E-rate compliance firm specializing in guiding E-rate applicants through the E-rate regulatory process and is an advocate for the use of educational technologies and student Internet access. Formed in 1997, Funds For Learning provides professional advice and assistance relating to the E-rate program to clients in all 50 states. For more information, visit www.FundsForLearning.com or phone 405-341-4140.