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Dear Sir or Madam:

I would like to share with you my thoughts on how the Henry County School System could function without E-Rate support. The fact of the matter is that we could not. We depend on E-rate support to enable all computers in our school system to be Internet-ready computers. Every computer in our Schools is equipped with Internet and Network Resources due to E-rate support and funding.

We have portable labs at the Middle and High Schools that enable teachers to incorporate the Internet into their class lessons. The Elementary Schools have walk-in labs that children use for Accelerated Reading tests via Network Resources. These resources are used hour upon hour every single day and without them, our students and children will not have access to the resources they need to have a strong Educational background. Without this support we would have to reduce the funding in other areas to maintain our Internet and Network connectivity. These cutbacks will diminish the functionality of our other programs and will hurt the productivity as students, individual Schools, and even as a System.

Every classroom in our school district is equipped with a computer with internet access provided through E-rate. Teachers use the connectivity to research data

