

Memo

To: Kim Carroll
From: Burns Carnes
CC: B. J. Cochran
Date: November 22, 2005
Re: E-Rate to Tuscaloosa City Schools

Student achievement in all schools depends upon access to modern technology and high-speed Internet access to enable students to use Internet resources. Without E-rate this would be adversely affected.

Please see the enclosed article about a technology camp for Rock Quarry Elementary students that was conducted in July. Many of our students do not have computers at home and their only access to technology is at school.

Each of our schools has its own web site which is maintained by one or more of the school's teachers. These sites are communication vehicles for the community and families with home computers to see what is going on in our schools.

The telecommunications provided through E-rate enable our central office and schools to communicate with each other. This is absolutely necessary for the safety and well being of our students.

Long-distance service enables us to communicate with other school systems and with the Alabama Department of Education.

Cell phones provide for immediate response between the system superintendent and the building principals. This enhances student instruction and is also necessary for the safety of the students.