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Dr. Bob Lawson, Superintendent



January 22, 2024

Dear Members of the Board,

In 2022, we completed a sealed bidding process for Category 1 wide area network (WAN) services at the new Jefferson Elementary building (FCC Form 470 #:220015808 pursuant to Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) for E-rate funding year 2022). This was a lease of dark fiber optic cable between our New Jefferson Elementary School building and our main data center in the Technology Service Center which connects the school to the internet. This lease is covered at a 90% refund to Henderson County Schools through the Federal E-rate program. During the bidding process, we received the lowest bid from Henderson Municipal Power and Light (HMP&L) and the board approved the corresponding HMP&L Telecommunications Service Agreement # 500 (FCC Form 471 - FY2022 - #221019164). The initial agreement was for twenty four (24) months, beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024. The bid and corresponding contract held an option for a one-time extension of an additional twenty four (24) months upon agreement of both parties. On January 17th, 2024, Henderson Municipal Power & Light (HMP&L) submitted their request to Henderson County Schools to execute the one-time contract extension.

I respectfully request that the board approves the additional twenty four (24) month extension of the HMP&L Telecommunications Service Agreement #500 for leased dark fiber effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026 at which time all contract extensions will expire and the contract will end.

Respectfully submitted,

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