

# Henderson County Schools

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Dear Members of the Board,

In 2016, we completed a sealed bidding process for Category 1 wide area network (WAN) services (bid proposal 3-16-2-2 pursuant to Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Form 470-1617-01 #160014014 for E-rate funding year 2016). This was a lease of dark fiber optic cable between all our school buildings and our main data center in the Technology Service Center which connects all our schools and buildings 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 (Form 471 - FY2016 - #161014598). The initial agreement was for sixty (60) months, beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021. The bid held an option for a one-time extension of an additional sixty (60) months.

I respectfully request that the board approves the additional sixty (60) month extension of the HMP&L Telecommunications Service Agreement for leased dark fiber effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026 at which time we will submit another RFP for Category 1 - WAN services pursuant to USAC and E-rate.

Respectfully submitted,

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