

Minnesota Department of Education

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Dear Jim Livesay:

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) is certified by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to approve technology plans for participation in the Schools and Libraries Universal Service (E-rate) program.

In order to be eligible to receive E-rate discounts, schools and libraries are required to develop and submit a plan to the MDE for review and approval. To assist schools and libraries in meeting the federal requirement for an approved technology plan, the MDE developed the *2012 Technology Bridge Plan* which establishes planning criteria schools and libraries need to address in order to obtain approval of their technology plan. The *2012 Technology Bridge Plan* builds upon your 2008-2011 Technology Plan and outlines a planning process that addresses the five objectives for technology plans that have been established by the SLD in conjunction with the E-rate program:

1. The plan establishes clear goals and a realistic strategy for using telecommunications and information technology to improve education or library services.
2. The plan has a professional development strategy to ensure that staff know how to use the new technologies to improve education or library services.
3. The plan includes an assessment of the telecommunication services, hardware, software, and other services that will be needed to improve education or library services.
4. The plan provides for a sufficient budget to acquire and maintain the hardware, software, professional development, and other services that will be needed to implement the strategy for improved education or library services.
5. The plan includes an evaluation process that enables the school or library to monitor progress toward the specified goals and make mid-course corrections in response to new developments and opportunities as they arise.

The *2012 Technology Bridge Plan* for your school or school district has been reviewed by MDE. It has been determined that a good faith effort has been made to address the planning criteria identified in the *2012 Technology Bridge Plan*. Your plan is approved. The approval of this plan is valid through June 30, 2012. Please make sure to retain a copy of this letter for your records.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or your technology plan, please do not hesitate to contact me at (651) 582-8693 or by e-mail at Steve.Dibb@state.mn.us. Thank you for the effort you have made in developing this plan.

Sincerely,



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