



# E-Rate Update

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# Overview

- ▶ E-Rate definition
- ▶ Update on historical E-Rate initiatives
- ▶ Update on current E-Rate initiatives
- ▶ Share upcoming projects



# E-Rate Definition

Program created in 1996 which provides discounts for schools & libraries in:

- ▶ Telecommunications
- ▶ Internet access
- ▶ Internal connections
- ▶ Basic maintenance of internal connections
  
- ▶ Discounts are based on the free/reduced lunch percentage
- ▶ Requests for Proposals (RFPs) are posted
  - Bids are received & reviewed
  - Vendor is selected
  - Application is submitted
  - Schools wait for approval



# E-Rate Historical Initiatives

- ▶ Installed current network – both wide area network & local area network (WAN & LAN) in 2001
- ▶ Local telephone service \*
- ▶ Internet access for District \*
- ▶ Cell phones \*
- ▶ Maintenance on network and telephone equipment \*\*
- ▶ Cabling (both new wiring and repair) \*\*

\* Priority 1

\*\* Priority 2



# SLPS E-Rate

## Awards vs Disbursements

- Awarded Funds are “Budgeted Amounts” only
  - Disbursements are based on actual invoice amounts
  - Total disbursements will be less than awarded funds



# E-Rate Status Update (since 2007)

- Funding awarded through 12/31/2011 – \$20.6M
  - 2007 -- \$8.4M
  - 2008 -- \$2.8M
  - 2009 -- \$4.8M
  - 2010 -- \$4.6M
- Funding still under Review by SLD
  - 2011 -- \$4.0M
- Expect final decisions within 30–60 days



# E-Rate Status Update

*Funding Awarded – through March 1, 2012*

Fund Year	Total Discounts Requested	F & R Disc %	Discounts Awarded through December 2011	Discounts Pending
2007	\$ 8,424,576	87	\$ 8,424,576	\$ –
2008	\$ 6,937,909	86	\$ 2,809,216	\$ –
2009	\$ 4,790,815	84	\$ 4,790,815	\$ –
2010	\$ 4,609,305	88	\$ 4,609,305	\$ –
2011	\$ 4,041,775	87	\$ –	\$ 4,041,775
Total	\$ 28,804,380		\$ 20,633,912	\$ 4,041,775

*Notes: Discount Percentage for 2011 is under review*



# E-Rate

## Current Status & Initiatives

- 2012 Funding – Posted RFPs for:
  - Local phone service
  - Cell phone service
  - Internet access
  - Web hosting
  - PBX (telephone maintenance)
  - Cabling
  - Network maintenance
  - Upgrade to current network (both District & Schools)





# E-Rate Rule Changes

## ▶ Prior to 2012

- Network monitoring was an allowable E-Rate charge.

## ▶ Now

- Network monitoring is now more clearly explained that it is not E-Rate eligible under the new SLD rules



# Questions