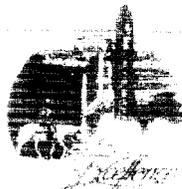


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RE: ET Docket No. 00-258

Dear Mr. Powell:

We are writing today to express our deep concern over the future of the Instructional Television Fixed Service (ITFS) spectrum. As you know, the ITFS spectrum has been targeted as a possible location for the development of third Generation Cellular Service. I urge you to avoid relocation. As the FCC clearly noted in the Final Report released on March 30, 2001, the ITFS system is a constantly evolving system that could only be moved at the significant expense of the incumbent users.

We are currently using the ITFS system to enhance our every day curriculum instruction. We have delivered educational programming to our community through our ITFS system in Hernando County, Florida, for nearly twenty-five years. Pasco-Hernando Community College enjoined us in the initial project back in 1986 and today has an ever-expanding schedule of Tele-courses available to area students. Upcoming schedules may include dual enrollment courses where high school students can take courses applicable to an Associates Degree while still completing their high school diploma requirements.

The ITFS system in our relatively rural district plays an important role and is considered a valuable tool in our educational community. While limited to the delivery of video programming at this time, we look forward to those applications that emerging technologies offer.

It is evident to see the uses of this system in the day-to-day work in our classrooms. However, while 3G continues to threaten the future of the ITFS spectrum, it is in essence threatening quality education for many of America's children. I urge that as the Commission searches for a location for the development of 3G services that it not come at the expense of the students in our schools.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

John W. Sanders, Ed.D.

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