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Commissioner Michael K. Powell, Chairman  
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Attn: Office of the Secretary

Re: ET Docket No. 00-258

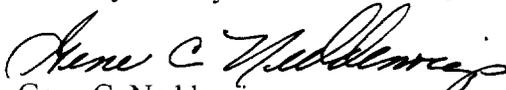
Dear Chairman Powell:

On behalf of the Malcolm Public Schools and its 500 students and 40 professionals, I would like to express our satisfaction with the Final Report released on March 30, 2001. It seems clear from the report that the FCC does understand the complexity of the evolved ITFS system.

The Malcolm Public Schools, is a rural school in Southeast, Nebraska and currently uses the ITFS system to bring Internet distance learning to our school. Malcolm Public Schools belongs to the Southeast Nebraska Distance Learning Consortium that recently joined the Greenbush Interactive Distance Learning Network in eastern Kansas for additional educational programming. We have planned and spent considerable sums of money positioning our school, so we would be able to provide elementary science programming in our schools. With the Greenbush Distance Learning Network we will be able to bring the science of the Henry Doerly Zoo into our classrooms with interactive communications. Of course this is only one aspect of this distance learning consortium, but Malcolm Public Schools specifically wanted to improve its elementary science education program.

On behalf of the Malcolm Public Schools, I urge you to follow the recommendations made in the Final Report. I also urge that a decision be made as soon as possible. With the future of the ITFS system in limbo, our planning has stalled. We are currently in the process of renegotiating a multiple year contract with our MMDS partner and will not complete the negotiations until a final decision is made concerning the licenses.

Thank-you for your consideration

  
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Superintendent

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