



State of Arizona
Department of Education
Office of John Huppenthal
Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Dear Superintendents, Business Managers and Charter Holders:

As Arizona's new Superintendent of Public Instruction, I want to thank you for your leadership in making Arizona's schools the best that they can be! It is the hard work and dedication of special education leaders like you that make a difference.

As you know, the E-Rate program brings millions of dollars to Arizona's schools. In fact, Arizona is one of the better overall performing states in terms of E-Rate success. Last year Arizona ranked 10th in the country in E-Rate dollars received, and in the most recent census Arizona was ranked the 16th most populous state. However, a recent review shows that there are some Arizona schools that have not applied for E-Rate, and in other instances schools have applied but not been successful. In these budget times, I am sure you and I agree that we should go the extra mile to increase Arizona's E-Rate dollars.

You are likely aware that the window for making E-rate applications for FY 2012 recently opened on January 11, 2011, and closes on March 24, 2011 at midnight. The second page of this letter provides you with E-Rate support contact information. Thank you very much for all that you are doing to apply for E-Rate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Huppenthal".

John Huppenthal,
Superintendent of Public Instruction



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E-Rate Support and Agency Contacts

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GITA E-Rate Office: <http://www.azgita.gov/erate/> - Application support

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ADE E-Rate Website: <http://www.azed.state.az.us/erate/> - Training support

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Malavika Muralidharan, Virtual Projects and E-rate Manager

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ASLAPR E-Rate Website: <http://www.lib.az.us/erate/> - Training support

Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC)

Administrator of the E-Rate Fund for the FCC <http://www.usac.org/sl> - Sign up for weekly updates