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June 9, 2009

Mr. Cliff Burch
Superintendent
Hobbs Municipal Schools
1515 E. Sanger
Hobbs, NM 88240

Dear Mr. Burch:

We are pleased to inform you that Hobbs Municipal Schools Technology Plan has been approved. The term of your plan begins on the approval date of June 7, 2009 and will expire on June 7, 2012.

The plan has met the criteria determined by the Public Education Department's Educational Technology Bureau as well as the five criteria that the Schools and Libraries Division requires for E-rate funding. E-rate applicants should use the annual technology plan approval letter to certify that the district has an approved technology plan that includes provisions for integrating telecommunication services in Internet access into their educational program.

Technology plans begin with a clear vision of how technology is linked to student educational goals stated in the district Educational Plan for Student Success (EPSS), the curriculum, and professional development needs for the staff. Careful planning and sound educational practices are needed for educational technology to significantly impact student learning.

Approved long-range technology plans cover a period of three years. On-going evaluation, at least once per year through the annual report process, is necessary to ensure that elements of the plan and its implementation are sufficient to meet student learning goals and to determine revisions to the plan.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding technology planning, please do not hesitate to contact me, Andrew Rendon at andrew.rendon@state.nm.us or Michelle M. Lewis at michelle.lewis@state.nm.us and we will schedule an appointment with you. Good luck on your district planning and moving New Mexico kids into the 21st Century!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew T. Rendon".

Andrew T. Rendon
Bureau Chief
Educational Technology Bureau

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cc: Dr. Jim Holloway, Assistant Secretary for Rural Education
Ms. Kim Whitley, Technology Coordinator
District File

District: Hobbs Municipal Schools

Approved

Date: June 7, 2009

Not Approved, please resubmit by:

Education Technology Plan Requirements	Review 1	Comments
<p>Strategies for improving academic achievement and teacher effectiveness – a description of how the applicant will use technology funds 1) to improve the academic achievement as measured against State Content Standards, Benchmarks, and Performance Standards.</p>	Yes	
<p>Goals – a description of the LEA’s specific goals, aligned with the goals of the State Technology Plan, for using advanced technology to improve student academic achievement.*</p>	yes	
<p>Steps to increased accessibility – a description of the steps the LEA will take to ensure that all students and teachers have increased access to technology. The description must include how the LEA will use Ed. Tech. funds 1) to help students in high-poverty and high-needs schools, or schools identified for improvement or corrective action under section 1116 of Title I, and 2) to help ensure that teachers are prepared to integrate technology effectively into curricula and instruction.</p>	yes	
<p>Promotion of curricula and strategies that promote technology integration – a description of how the LEA will identify and promote curricula and teaching strategies that integrate technology effectively into curricula and instruction, based on a review of relevant and current research, leading to improvements in student academic achievement, including a timeline.</p>	yes	

<p>Professional development - a description of how the LEA will provide ongoing, sustained professional development for teachers, principals, administrators, and school library media personnel to promote the effective use of technology in the classroom or library media center.</p>	<p>yes</p>	
<p>Technology type and costs -a description of the type and costs of technology to be acquired with Technology funds, including provisions for interoperability of components. Also, LEAs may wish to consider information technology standards and policies for State agencies. These are found at: http://cio.state.nm.us/</p>	<p>yes</p>	
<p>Coordination with other resources - a description of how the LEA will coordinate projects with technology-related activities supported with funds from other sources, including funds from the state Educational Technology Fund.</p>	<p>yes</p>	
<p>Innovative delivery strategies - a description of how the LEA will encourage the development and use of innovative strategies for the delivery of specialized or rigorous courses and curricula through the use of technology, including distance-learning opportunities, particularly in areas that would not otherwise have access to such courses or curricula due to geographical distances or insufficient resources.</p>	<p>yes</p>	
<p>Parental involvement - a description of how the LEA will use technology effectively to promote parental involvement and increase communication with parents, including a description of how parents will be informed of the technology used.</p>	<p>yes</p>	

Collaboration with adult literacy service providers – a description of how the district Technology Plan will be developed in collaboration with adult literacy service providers	yes	
Accountability measures – a description of the process and accountability measures that the LEA will use to evaluate the extent to which activities funded through Educational Technology are effective in: (1) integrating technology into curricula and instruction; (2) increasing the ability of teachers to teach; and (3) enabling students to demonstrate proficiency against the State Content Standards, Benchmarks and Performance Standards	yes	
Supporting resources – a description of the supporting resources, such as services, software, other electronically delivered learning materials, on-line assessments, and print resources, that will be acquired to ensure successful and effective uses of technology.	Yes	
ERATE Requirements		
Goals and realistic strategy for using telecommunications and information technology	Yes	
A professional Development Strategy	Yes	
An assessment of telecommunication services, hardware, software, and other	Yes	
Budget resources	Yes	
Ongoing evaluation process	Yes	

Well written technology plan!