BULLETIN NO. 063-22 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents  
   School District Superintendents  
   School District Business Managers

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Form 479 for Districts on K-20 Network

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide an overview of the DocuSign form districts on the K-20 Educational Network must complete and return to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) by October 21, 2022, to receive E-rate discounts on their annual K-20 network fee.

OSPI and K-20 apply for E-rate discounts on behalf of all K–12 schools connected to the K-20 network in order to provide these discounts to districts and meet service commitments. You will receive the E-rate Form 479 via DocuSign which requires your signature.

The DocuSign email will be sent separately to district Superintendents and Technology Directors on September 30, 2022.

E-rate Form 479

Your district must continue to comply with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) to take advantage of the E-rate discount ISP fees. Form 479 certifies CIPA compliance. Please note, that Item 6a in Block 2 has been auto completed to assist you in verifying CIPA compliance for the 2022 E-rate funding year (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023) on Form 479.
Frequently-Asked Form 479 Questions

What should I put for these items?

- Administrative Authority’s Form Identifier: Something you make up (e.g., MyDistrict2021), or leave blank
- Name of Administrative Authority: Your district (not your name, but the district’s name)

I filed a Form 479 last year; do I need to do it again this year?

- Yes, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) requires a new signed form annually.

K-20 Network Benefits Realized:
Zoom Videoconferencing and DDoS Protection

As noted in the Services and Benefits for K–12 Schools described in the attached document, two special benefits should be noted. K-20 Network members can make use of Zoom desktop and mobile device-based videoconferencing solutions at no cost, or purchase Zoom licenses at deeply discounted prices from the K-20 master contract. In addition, K-20 provides a very robust Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) mitigation device as part of the network, which protects member institutions from DDoS attacks, at no additional cost to member districts.

Deadline: October 21, 2022
Complete, sign and submit the DocuSign E-rate Form 479 to OSPI no later than October 21, 2022.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE
For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Bre Urness-Straight, Educational Technology Director, at 360-664-3631 or email bre.urness-straight@k12.wa.us. The OSPI TTY number is 360-664-3631.

This bulletin is also available on the Bulletins page of the OSPI website.

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Attachment: K-20 Education Network Services and Benefits

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