



January 9, 2012

Dear Washoe County School District Parents,

You may know that the Washoe County School District has been participating in the E-Rate program for the past 10 years. The E-Rate program is a Federal program which provides us with substantial discounts on our technology services.

These discounts reduce the costs of our telephone service, internet access, and the internal connections we use to build and maintain the computer networks that link our classrooms. The size of the discounts which we receive is based on the income level of our student's families. Discounts also save the district and taxpayers a substantial amount of money.

You can help us receive our maximum allowable discount, and it won't cost you anything. Please help! We need your help qualifying for the largest discount allowable by providing us with some very general information.

This information will remain completely confidential and will be reported only as a total group, not by individual families, and will not be used for any purpose other than E-Rate. It will only take 2 minutes of your time to complete. Only complete one survey per family. Please put all of your children's names, their schools and their grades on the survey, where requested. This survey must be completed by JANUARY 20, 2012.

There are 2 easy ways to respond:

1. Go to www.eratediscountsurvey.com/wcsd and complete the survey.
 - Either at home or at your school's office (where available).
2. Request a paper survey from your child's school (main office), complete and return.

The income guidelines on the survey are the same as those used for participation in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. However, since responses to the survey will be kept confidential, answering yes to any of the questions on the form will not make your children eligible to receive Free or Reduced price lunches. Instead, if you have children you would like to enroll in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program, please contact your child's school.

Thank you for your participation in helping Washoe County School District stretch its resources to best serve all our students. As school budgets get smaller, this program becomes more critical to you and your students. If you have any questions, please call **775-789-3444**.

Thank you,

Dr. Heath Morrison, Superintendent