



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY EDUCATION

Welcome to the Rhode Island Telecommunications Educational Access Fund... 2010-2011. The mailing you are receiving is an invitation to you, from the State of Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, to participate in the Rhode Island Telecommunications Educational Access Fund, also known as RITEAF.

RITEAF is a program that combines subsidies from the E-Rate Program and the State of Rhode Island in order to provide assistance to schools seeking access to the Internet. The assistance you receive is based upon need. In this packet, you will find forms and information regarding the RITEAF program and the application process. Please read all the information provided in this packet to avoid mistakes and/or delays.

Applications for the RITEAF program are reviewed by the Rhode Island Department of Education. The review verifies the accuracy of your enrollments and level of student need, eligibility according to state RITEAF and E-Rate rules, and the information about your schools. Once your eligibility and need has been established, the state will submit a consortium application to the E-Rate Program in order to secure additional support for the services RIDE will provide to your school. The RITEAF program provided \$3 million in subsidies for RI's schools and libraries in each of the past several years and, as an added benefit, it has created a state network with all of the benefits that brings. We think this service is valuable to schools.

Participation in the E-Rate program is a requirement of all schools in order to receive technology subsidies from RITEAF. Participation means qualifying your school(s) for the federal E-Rate program.

These materials are to be given to the Director of Technology or the E-Rate Coordinator. If neither person is available, then forward to the Business Manager, Principal or Superintendent.

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Lunch Numbers for Public and Private Schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)

The School or District should send CORRECTIONS to RIDE **MUST BE RETURNED BY DEADLINE**

CIPA Form **MUST BE RETURNED BY DEADLINE**

Letter of Agency **MUST BE RETURNED BY DEADLINE**

Technology plan: indicate WEB Site Address, or provide latest update, or indicate when next update will be forwarded to RIDE. PLANS MUST BE UPDATED EVERY 3 YEARS, or more often. See instructions.

Information Form and Bandwidth Upgrade **MUST BE RETURNED BY DEADLINE**
(If UNABLE TO DETERMINE FUTURE NEEDS AT THIS TIME, PLEASE CONTACT LISTED HELP E-MAIL.)

All materials should be returned NO LATER THAN Friday, September 25, 2009

Mail to: Rhode Island Department of Education, Shepard Building 5th Floor, 255 Westminster St., Providence, RI 02903

Fax: 401-222-6033 Attn.: Holly Walsh, TECHNOLOGY (If faxing, please follow with a mailed copy)