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DATE: March 23, 2026

TO: Hickman County Schools Technology Department / Interested Vendors

FROM: Tim Hobbs, Chairman of the Hickman County Board of Education

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE TN STATE CATEGORY 1 E-RATE MINI-BID PROCESS

Statement of Permission

I, **Tim Hobbs**, acting in my capacity as Chairman of the Hickman County Board of Education, hereby grant the school district and its designated representatives permission to proceed with all necessary procedures to procure funding through the **Tennessee State Category 1 E-Rate Mini-Bid process**.

Purpose and Deadline

This authorization is provided to ensure the district remains in compliance with the **April 1st, 2026**, E-Rate filing deadline. Initiating these procedures immediately is vital for securing the federal and state discounts required for the district's telecommunications and internet infrastructure.

Acknowledgment of Board Authority and Local Funding

It is understood by all parties that while this authorization allows the procurement process to begin, the following conditions apply:

- This action is a preliminary step taken specifically to meet strict regulatory and state deadlines.
- The results of the mini-bid and the proposed funding plan will be presented to the **Hickman County Board of Education** as a whole during the scheduled meeting on **April 13th, 2026**.
- Final approval, the legal authority to enter into any resulting contracts, and the allocation of necessary local matching funds remain strictly subject to the vote and approval of the full Board.

Signature: Tim Hobbs

Tim Hobbs Chairman, Hickman County Board of Education