

October 13, 2022

Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC, 20554

In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket 96-45, 97-21

Dear Chairwoman Rosenworcel:

On behalf of the public and private schools and America's public libraries, we write today to urge you to re-appoint Dr. Daniel A. Domenech to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors as the representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts, continuing a position he has held since 2012, and pursuant to § 54.501. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to submit this nomination.

Dr. Domenech currently serves as the Executive Director of AASA, The School Superintendents Association, the national professional organization representing chief executive officers, superintendents and senior level school administrators as well as cabinet members, professors and aspiring school system leaders. Dr. Domenech has more than 43 years of experience in public education, including 27 years served as a school superintendent. His education and leadership background have been a tremendous asset to the Board and the entire universal service program. Further, his direct link to public school systems through his position at AASA allows him to provide the Board with information on school system-level thoughts and opinions.

As the Executive Director for AASA, Dr. Domenech is deeply committed to supporting the total child, from physical and mental health to the development of fundamental, lifelong learning skills. In today's increasingly global and competitive world, a top notch education and the building of lifelong learning skills require access to education technology and the broadband connectivity that the E-Rate program supplies to schools and libraries. On the heels of the COVID-19 pandemic, which upended schooling as we knew it, drove students and staff home in unprecedented levels, and forced Congress to address the Homework Gap, Dr. Domenech was very pleased to see E-Rate remain critical to school connectivity while also having its framework be the foundation for the Emergency Connectivity Fund, which worked to ensure students had access to adequate internet connectivity during remote learning. Dr. Domenech appreciates his service on the USAC board and its continued work to support connectivity to schools and libraries through E-Rate and Universal Service Fund programs.

Prior to AASA, Dr. Domenech worked at McGraw-Hill Education. Prior to his position at McGraw-Hill, he served for seven years as superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools in Virginia. He began his teaching career in New York City, teaching sixth grade before becoming program director for the Nassau Board of Cooperative Educational Services. He first became a superintendent at Long Island's Deer Park Schools and later served in the same role at South Huntington Schools. Dr. Domenech has also served as district superintendent in the Second Supervisory District of Suffolk County and chief executive officer of the Western Suffolk BOCES

Dr. Domenech, an AASA member since 1979, served as president of AASA from July 1998 to June 1999. He is also a past president of the New York State Council of School Superintendents, the Suffolk County Superintendents Association, and the Suffolk County Organization for Promotion of Education. He was the first president and cofounder of the New York State Association for Bilingual Education.

In addition, Domenech has served on the U.S. Department of Education's National Assessment Governing Board, the advisory board for the Department of Defense schools, the board of directors of the Association for the Advancement of International Education, the Board of Overseers for the Baldrige Award and the boards of the Institute for Educational Leadership, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, National Student Clearinghouse, Sea Research Foundation, and Education Policy Institute. Currently, he serves on the boards of the Learning First Alliance, Center for Naval Analyses, Horace Mann Educators Corporation, ACT, and board chair for Communities in Schools of Virginia.

The Education and Libraries Networks Coalition (EdLiNC), a coalition representing the nation's leading public and private k-12 education and library associations, strongly supports the reappointment of Dr. Domenech to the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors. EdLiNC has been working with the Commission to improve the E-Rate program since its inception. We believe that Dr. Domenech's broad understanding of education, education leadership and education technology, coupled with a strong work ethic and deep commitment to expanding educational opportunities to the nation's students will continue to be of great benefit to the work of USAC. His reappointment to the USAC board will provide USAC with the continuity and leadership that it needs as the E-Rate program continues to operate and evolve.

For these reasons, we respectfully request your approval of Dr. Domenech's reappointment to the USAC Board of directors, representing schools that are eligible to receive discounts. A copy of his professional biography is attached. If you have any questions, please email Noelle Ellerson Ng (nellerson@aasa.org).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

AASA, The School Superintendent Association
American Federation of School Administrators
American Federation of Teachers
American Library Association
Association for School Business Officials International
Association of Educational Service Agencies
Consortium for School Networking
Council of Chief State School Officers
National Association for Pupil Transportation
National Association of Elementary School Principals
National Association of Federally Impacted Schools
National Association of Independent Schools
National Association of Secondary School Principals
National Catholic Educational Association
National Education Association
National Rural Education Advocacy Consortium
National Rural Education Association
State Educational Technology Directors Association

CC: Mr. Charles Tyler (Charles.Tyler@fcc.gov)

Daniel A. Domenech
AASA Executive Director

Daniel A. Domenech has served as executive director of the AASA, The School Superintendents Association, since July 2008. Domenech has more than 54 years of experience in public education, twenty-seven of those years served as a school superintendent.

Prior to joining AASA, Domenech served as senior vice president for National Urban Markets with McGraw-Hill Education. In this role, he was responsible for building strong relationships with large school districts nationwide.

Prior to his position at McGraw-Hill, Domenech served for seven years as superintendent of the Fairfax County, Va., Public Schools, then the 12th largest school system in the nation with 168,000 students.

Domenech began his teaching career in New York City, where he taught sixth grade in a predominantly black and Hispanic community in South Jamaica, Queens. He then became program director for the Nassau Board of Cooperative Educational Services, which is the largest intermediate school district in the State of New York. Following this, he was first named superintendent of schools for Long Island's Deer Park Schools and then became superintendent of schools for the ethnically diverse South Huntington School District, also on Long Island -- a position he held for 13 years. From 1994 to 1997, he was district superintendent of the Second Supervisory District of Suffolk County and chief executive officer of the Western Suffolk BOCES.

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He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hunter College in New York City and a Ph.D. from Hofstra University in Uniondale, N.Y.