

## E – rate Category 2 Funds for New York Schools

The Schools and Libraries (E – rate) Program provides discounts to assist eligible schools and libraries to obtain affordable internet and telecommunications services. The E – rate Program is funded through the federal Universal Service Fund. E-rate Category 2 Funds are available to any school district who applied for the funding and can be used to upgrade network infrastructure and Wi-Fi. The Harpursville Central School District has sent in an application to upgrade multiple areas of the infrastructure as well as increase the wireless coverage district wide and the application is currently in the review and approval stages. The network infrastructure and Wi-Fi equipment purchases must be made by the school district using budgeted district funds. The funding for these purchases is a one time increase to the district's budget which will be partially reimbursed back to the district and the highest discount level for funding set at 85%. Discounts are calculated based on the percentage of student eligible for the National School Lunch Program.