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September 4, 2020

Judge Richard Cortez and Hidalgo County Commissioners:

I am reaching out to you to request assistance from the Hidalgo County's Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) allocation. This program allows our school district to partner with our county to implement internet connectivity. La Joya ISD is participating in the bulk purchase program through the Texas Education Agency (TEA) in coordination with Region IV Education Service Center. In this program, the district purchased 9,767 chromebooks for a total cost of \$2,226,876 of which the district paid \$1,113,438 and the TEA paid the other half. At this time, we are respectfully requesting for Hidalgo County to commit paying 25% of the total cost which is \$556,719.00, to assist the district utilizing the county's CRF funds. Hidalgo County's commitment to pay this amount, will also benefit the district, as the TEA has agreed to match the county's committed amount. Hidalgo County's participation with La Joya ISD in this effort is in alignment with the installation of the county's internet towers project that is underway.

Mr. Salinas, the county's 25% funding commitment to La Joya ISD would be highly beneficial, considering the surmountable costs the district has incurred due to COVID-19. We appreciate the consideration given to this request and are hopeful the county will be able to honor it. If granted, please provide a document with the following details. The letter shall be on Hidalgo County letterhead, stipulating the county's dollar amount commitment to La Joya ISD, the purpose being "for bulk-purchase of chromebooks" and shall be signed by the county official.

Please address the letter to:
Dr. Gisela Saenz, Superintendent
La Joya ISD
200 West Expressway 83
La Joya, TX 78560

Please e-mail the letter to me: j.trevino5@lajoyaisd.net

Should the county be unable to commit to the 25% funding, we would be appreciative of any other consideration.

We enlist your assistance in providing the requested document to me via e-mail by September 4, 2020, in order to meet the TEA's application deadline. Should any questions arise, please contact me.

Again, thank you for your assistance with this request.

Have a pleasant day.

Respectfully,

Joel Treviño
Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Finance

xc: Dr. Gisela Saenz