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E-Rate Program Saves Ritenour More Than \$188,000

May 20, 2009 – The Ritenour School District will receive an 81 percent discount on telecommunications, Internet and data services during the 2000-2010 school year thanks to awards from the E-Rate program. E-Rate funds will save Ritenour \$188,723.

E-Rate is a program of the Federal Communications Commission that provides affordable access to communications services to eligible K-12 schools and libraries. The program helps to ensure that schools and libraries have access to affordable telecommunications and information services. The E-Rate fund subsidizes between 20 and 90 percent of the cost of telecommunications, Internet access, voice and data services for eligible schools and libraries. Ritenour will receive E-Rate funds for services provided by AT&T, Charter Communications and Nextel. Since 1999, Ritenour has saved \$1.3 million by participating in the E-Rate program.

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