

Radio Station Call Sign: KHKY

License File Number: BLED - 20070913ABF

Facility ID: 171129

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To Whom It May Concern:

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It is our understanding that the time for renewal of our radio station, KHKY, has expired and that our remaining option for restarting the station is through a petition of reconsideration. We understand that the license expired February 1, 2014 under the administration of Ms. Peggy Price, the former principal of Akiachak School. Under her administration, Ms. Price was uninvolved with the radio station and neglected to renew the license in a timely manner. Since we have been under the new leadership of Mr. Chris Barr, KHKY has become a priority to our administration, staff, student body, and community members. Mr. Barr is an ambitious and motivated leader, working tirelessly to reestablish the strong unity once experienced in this school district. He has been attempting to contact the appropriate people at the Federal Communication Commission since early September. He was finally able to reach some answers on November 12, 2014, learning that our only option left is this petition. It is our belief that this petition will demonstrate the necessity of KHKY to not only our school but also our entire community.

We are a small, rural, remote Alaskan village of 800 people. Our community consists of incredible individuals that desire to create bridges and strengthen collaboration between the community, student body, and educational professionals, which is a targeted area of development within our school improvement plan. KHKY has served as a pivotal resource in accomplishing this goal in the past. It is our hope that KHKY can serve our community in this capacity once more.

The Akiachak School plans to utilize the opportunity of facilitating this radio station to empower students to complete graduation requirements in public speaking, written expression, community service, and much more. The school will also use KHKY to promote community support, which is crucial in a school district such as ours. Because we are an isolated school district in the Alaskan tundra, our students experience few opportunities to reach out to their local region. With the support of the FCC in reestablishing KHKY, our Akiachak students will participate in many opportunities of collaboration, networking, and experience great success.

Our school district consists of a staff of 16. Only two of these certified staff members are Yup'ik Akiachak citizens. Our 13 classified staff are Yup'ik employees and contribute a great deal of influence in cultural awareness. It has become a primary focus of our community this year to strengthen the Yup'ik culture throughout the school system and community. We strive to provide opportunities for the students to learn more about their language and traditions through Elders as guest speakers, interviews, and other relevant activities. The radio station is a keystone in preserving a dying culture in this isolated region of dynamic students and families. Without the extraordinary opportunity of participating in KHKY, the students of this district and families of this community will be denied the privilege of enriching their cultural experiences and individual growth.

We thank you for your consideration of this petition to reconsider the radio station KHKY. We acknowledge the time and effort required on your behalf to help us restore what should still belong to this community. We appreciate your compassion in assisting our initiatives in restoring and strengthening this community's culture and unity.

With much gratitude,
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