

K-12 EDITION

90 Days, No New Budget.

Five moves for district procurement and business officials, drawn from E&I's quarterly State of the Industry Report.

6.3%

Producer-price inflation, 12 months to Sept 2026

3.7%

Consumer inflation, the index most budgets use

Jan 2025

ESSER liquidation deadline; recurring costs stayed



Re-price transportation, food service, and facilities

BUSINESS OFFICE

Producer prices rose 6.3% while consumer prices rose 3.7%. These contracts sit on the producer side, where district exposure is concentrated.



Route big technology renewals through a cooperative

TECHNOLOGY

Turn one large renewal into a pre-competed pathway, and confirm what AI features were added to platforms you already license, and on what terms.



Fix the FERPA annual notice

STUDENT SERVICES

Confirm it defines school-official criteria before any further edtech or AI vendor receives student records.



Price facilities decisions on total cost

FACILITIES

Federal data puts reactive maintenance at \$18 per horsepower per year, against \$13 preventive and \$9 predictive. Favor planned replacement.



Find costs stranded by expired relief funds

FINANCE

Identify recurring costs from ESSER-funded programs that moved into the operating budget, and whether a cooperative agreement can restructure them.

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