

E-RATE UNDER THREAT

Save the E-Rate:

Do your part



- ▶ In the E-Rate from the beginning
- ▶ Serving more than 75 clients, including more than 65 in NJ
- ▶ Founding member of E-Rate Management Professional Assoc. (E-MPA)
- ▶ Certified E-Rate Management Professional (CEMP)
- ▶ Former tech coordinator
- ▶ Experienced network engineer
- ▶ Experienced federal administrator

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- ▶ The FCC has released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM & FNPRM)
 - ▶ <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-26-41A1.pdf>
- ▶ Summary of the NPRM & FNPRM
 - ▶ <https://erate.aasa.org/assets/aasa-erate-nprm-summary-aug2026.pdf>
- ▶ Asks whether the program should be sunset or restricted to rural areas

THE MAIN THREAT



- ▶ Write to the FCC: flood the record
 - ▶ Your comment will be ex parte or a reply comment
 - ▶ There are tools to help you
 - ▶ We'll talk about what to say
- ▶ Contact your Congressperson and Senators
 - ▶ If disastrous changes are made, Congress can undo them

WHAT CAN I DO?



- ▶ What impact has E-Rate had on your district?
 - ▶ What has been enabled by the E-Rate
- ▶ What impact would it have to lose the E-Rate?
 - ▶ Without the funding, what would go? Staff? Programs?
- ▶ The concrete effect of broadband on the classroom
 - ▶ What does the Internet do in a 2nd-grade class? In an 8th-grade ELL class? In an AP Biology class?

YOUR COMMENT: LOCAL EXAMPLES



- ▶ Comment Compass: Helps write and submit your comment
 - ▶ https://e-ratecentral.com/compass/E-Rate_Comment_Compass_for_Schools.html
- ▶ Save Our E-Rate: Provides background data for your comment
 - ▶ <https://www.shlb.org/save-our-e-rate>
 - ▶ Scroll to the bottom to get E-Rate data by congressional district
- ▶ AASA E-Rate page: <https://erate.aasa.org/>
 - ▶ Tips for your comment: <https://erate.aasa.org/assets/aasa-erate-nprm-call-to-action-aug2026.pdf>



WHERE TO GET MORE INFO



SHLB Coalition (Oct 13)

SECA (Oct 13)

AASA (Oct 14)

ASBO International (Oct 13)

CoSN (Oct 13)

Asbury Park Board of Education (Aug 28)

Berkeley Heights School District (Sep 28)

Burlington Township School District (Oct 8)

Byram Township School District (Oct 7)

Gloucester Township Public Schools (Oct 5)

Haddon Heights School District (Oct 5)

Hampton Township School District (Sep 28)

Hoboken Public School District (Sep 24)

Kittatinny Regional School District (Sep 28)

Mahwah Township School District (Oct 2)

Margate City Board of Education (Oct 2)

Metuchen Public School District (Oct 8)

Pequannock Township School District (Sep 28)

Randolph Township Schools (Sep 24)

South Bergen Jointure Commission (Oct 7)

Southampton Township School District (Oct 5)

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QUESTIONS

