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1. Allentown board accepts nearly $2.67 million in E-Rate funding for IT modernization

Published Sept. 25, 2026; the Allentown School Board accepted nearly $2.67 million in federal E-Rate funding for the second phase of its multiyear IT infrastructure modernization project. The district is responsible for about $849,121 of the approximately $3.52 million project, which includes Wi-Fi 7, expanded network bandwidth and next-generation firewalls.

Why it matters: The board action is a concrete funding commitment for network capacity and security upgrades. Leaders should track the district's local share and implementation milestones rather than treating projected benefits as established outcomes.

Limits: Expected improvements are district claims; the article does not report deployment completion or measured outcomes.

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2. Colquitt County district requires vendor background checks after hidden cameras were found

Published Sept. 24, 2026; Colquitt County School District Superintendent Dan Chappuis said the district is changing vendor screening after unauthorized cameras were found in a school auditorium. Going forward, every vendor working inside district schools must undergo a background check or provide proof of one completed by their employer.

Why it matters: This is a specific district implementation action, not merely a general lesson from an incident. Leaders may want to review vendor screening and facility-access controls, while recognizing that the district's policy change does not resolve who may have been recorded.

Limits: The investigation remains ongoing, and the article does not establish who was recorded or whether the screening change will prevent similar incidents.

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