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1. California district begins school year with device-free opening and other edtech limits

Published October 14, 2026. Larkspur-Corte Madera School District began the 2026-27 year with two weeks without student devices in its K-8 schools and digital citizenship and wellness lessons. After board discussion and stakeholder research, the district also dropped first-graders from i-Ready assessments, reduced reliance on one-to-one iPads to encourage collaboration, and discontinued digital homework components.

Why it matters: This is a concrete example of a district changing technology use through a multi-year review and stakeholder input, rather than adopting a blanket technology ban. Leaders considering similar steps should distinguish the district's reported experience from evidence that these measures improve outcomes elsewhere.

Limits: The article reports district actions and stakeholder responses, not measured effects on learning or well-being.

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