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1. FCC comments overwhelmingly back E-rate, but divide over screen-time rules

Update: Published Oct. 29, 2026; comments in the FCC's ongoing review show broad support for preserving E-rate, while opinions differ on attaching screen-time restrictions to its funding. An analysis by Funds For Learning counted nearly 2,500 filings, with 866 opposing and 169 supporting federal screen-time rules tied to E-rate. The FCC's initial comment period closed Oct. 14; reply comments are due Nov. 12.

Why it matters: District leaders should track the proceeding: changes to E-rate funding or eligibility conditions could affect connectivity budgets and device-use policies. The comments reflect stakeholder positions, not an FCC decision or a representative public-opinion survey.

Limits: The filing counts come from an analysis by a consulting firm that advises districts on E-rate; the FCC has not issued a final order.

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