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# Control access. Protect continuity.

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This week's operational brief covers temporary privileges, meeting-note defaults, mailbox fraud and Windows servicing, alongside new document and collaboration controls. The priority is a verified local configuration with a clear owner.

## The week at a glance

**01** Review Meet note-taking settings before the September 29 rollout and test temporary administrator-role expiry in a low-risk case.

**02** Rehearse mailbox recovery and independent verification of payment changes with business-office staff; familiar messages can still be fraudulent.

**03** Inventory Windows by edition and configuration. Separate support deadlines, optional previews and security servicing in the deployment plan.

**04** Pilot new drafting, encrypted import, occupancy and Chat controls only where there is a defined service need and a way to verify the result.

### ABOUT THIS BRIEF

Selected developments published September 19-25, 2026. Findings are assessed for relevance to K-12 technology leadership, evidence quality and practical implications. Each summary identifies important limitations.

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# Set an expiry for admin access

Vendor release announcement
Google Workspace Updates

**THE FINDING**

Google announced time-limited administrator roles for Workspace users, groups and service accounts. A super administrator can choose a preset duration or a specific expiration date and time; the permissions granted through that role are automatically revoked when it expires. Google lists the capability as available now to all Workspace customers. The primary administrator remains an exception because that account requires permanent super-admin privileges. For districts, the change creates a practical way to handle temporary coverage, projects and external support with an explicit end date. Availability in an announcement still needs to be confirmed in the district's own tenant.

**THE EVIDENCE**

Official September 23 product release; functional behavior and availability are vendor statements, not independently tested in a school tenant.

**LIMITS TO KEEP IN VIEW**

Expiry of one role does not establish complete account deprovisioning. The announcement does not quantify district labor savings or security outcomes.

**WHAT LEADERS CAN DO**

Editorial recommendation: Test a short-lived, low-risk delegated role and verify access ends. Require an owner, purpose and expiry on access requests. Cost: administrative time. Service: plan coverage after expiry. Risk: check other assignments that still grant access. Adoption: start with temporary support accounts and preserve audit evidence.

**SCOPE / CONTEXT**

Google Workspace administrators, including education tenants.

**READ THE ORIGINAL SOURCES**

**Temporary administrator roles in Workspace**
workspaceupdates.googleblog.com · Published 2026-09-23 · Open source

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# Review Meet defaults by Tuesday

Vendor rollout and configuration notice
Google Workspace Updates

### THE FINDING

Google's September 22 notice confirms that new Meet note-taking defaults begin taking effect September 29, with an extended rollout. Administrators gain an option to start notes automatically for meetings with at least three people. The default is off for Google AI Pro for Education and specified enterprise plans, but on for Business Standard and Plus. Prior Gemini Alpha configurations may already have enabled it. End users also receive a corresponding meeting setting. Districts should distinguish the announced start date from actual tenant availability and review the settings that apply to their licenses and previous testing.

### THE EVIDENCE

Google specifies edition-dependent defaults and a rollout potentially exceeding 15 days. Education availability is listed through the Google AI Pro for Education add-on.

### LIMITS TO KEEP IN VIEW

This is a configuration and rollout notice, not a guarantee of accurate notes or a finding that automatic capture suits every meeting.

### WHAT LEADERS CAN DO

Editorial recommendation: Collaboration and records owners should inspect defaults before Tuesday and test who can access generated notes. Cost: check entitlement and support time. Service: give hosts a settings guide. Risk: sensitive meetings can create additional records. Adoption: define eligible meetings, review responsibilities and exceptions before encouraging automatic notes.

### SCOPE / CONTEXT

Eligible Meet hosts and administrators; school tenant settings remain to be checked.

### READ THE ORIGINAL SOURCES

**Meet note-taking settings take effect September 29**
workspaceupdates.googleblog.com · Published 2026-09-22 · Open source

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# AI fraud starts inside the inbox

Primary vendor incident report
Microsoft Digital Crimes Unit

### THE FINDING

Microsoft reports disrupting EvilTokens, a service that combined compromised email access with AI analysis of organizational relationships and payment conversations. Its account links the service to more than 12,000 inboxes across over 10,000 organizations, including higher education. The reported capability extended beyond drafting convincing messages: it helped identify trusted contacts and potential fraud opportunities inside a mailbox. Microsoft also warns that password resets alone may leave associated sessions and tokens usable. The September 22 report describes a specific operation and response; it does not establish a K-12 incident rate or show that a particular district was affected.

### THE EVIDENCE

Primary account from Microsoft's Digital Crimes Unit. Incident scale and disruption results are attributed to the investigating company.

### LIMITS TO KEEP IN VIEW

Vendor investigation, not an independent prevalence study. Its broader victim population cannot be treated as evidence of local compromise.

### WHAT LEADERS CAN DO

Editorial recommendation: Rehearse a fictional supplier-change request with identity and business-office teams. Verify session revocation, evidence preservation and a separate payment-confirmation channel. Cost: rehearsal time. Service: plan account recovery and office coverage. Risk: familiar writing proves little. Adoption: include finance and school-office staff in the exercise.

### SCOPE / CONTEXT

Organizations using email; reported victims include higher education.

### READ THE ORIGINAL SOURCES

**Microsoft report on the EvilTokens disruption**
blogs.microsoft.com · Published 2026-09-22 · Open source

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# Plan Windows changes by edition

Vendor release and known-issue bulletin
Microsoft Support

### THE FINDING

Microsoft's September 22 preview update for Windows 11 24H2 and 25H2 carries two distinct operational messages. It is the final non-security preview for 24H2, while supported editions continue monthly security servicing. Home and Pro support ends October 13, 2026; Enterprise and Education remain supported until October 12, 2027. The release also documents known domain-trust failures under particular Credential Guard and Machine Identity Isolation configurations, plus problems affecting USB Audio Class 1.0 devices. Those issues warrant targeted testing of sign-in and classroom audio. The preview release is not a reason to assume every district device shares the same deadline or failure.

### THE EVIDENCE

Microsoft support article KB5124010 identifies affected versions, servicing dates and known issues associated with September updates.

### LIMITS TO KEEP IN VIEW

Known issues are conditional, not universal. A support article does not establish whether district policy, hardware or domain configuration meets the affected conditions.

### WHAT LEADERS CAN DO

Editorial recommendation: Inventory versions and editions, identify exposed configurations and test representative devices for sign-in, audio and recovery. Cost: prioritize earlier support deadlines. Service: schedule around instruction. Risk: retain a tested rollback plan. Adoption: communicate separate plans for preview evaluation, security servicing and version migration.

### SCOPE / CONTEXT

Windows 11 24H2 and 25H2 fleets, segmented by edition and configuration.

### READ THE ORIGINAL SOURCES

**KB5124010: Windows preview and known issues**
support.microsoft.com · Published 2026-09-22 · Open source

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# Bring approved source collections into Docs

Vendor feature release
Google Workspace Updates

### THE FINDING

Google Docs can now use an existing Gemini Notebook as context for AI drafting. Users reference the notebook through the Docs interface; Google says generated output will draw on those sources and include inline citations. The September 23 release lists Education Plus and the Google AI Pro for Education and Teaching and Learning add-ons among eligible offerings. Access depends on Gemini for Workspace in Drive and enabled Workspace smart features. This is a new connection between a source collection and document drafting. It can support a more traceable workflow, but an attached citation still requires a person to check the underlying passage.

### THE EVIDENCE

Official release states availability now for listed editions. No district accuracy, time-saving or access-control test was performed for this brief.

### LIMITS TO KEEP IN VIEW

Grounding is a vendor-described feature, not an accuracy guarantee. Tenant enablement and the quality of each source collection remain local dependencies.

### WHAT LEADERS CAN DO

Editorial recommendation: Pilot with a small approved collection of public district documents and a named content owner. Ask staff to draft a family FAQ, then check every answer against its source and record corrections. Cost: verify entitlement before adding licenses. Service: assign responsibility for stale source material. Risk: review permissions and sensitive content. Adoption: require human approval of public-facing answers and preserve the source trail.

### SCOPE / CONTEXT

Eligible Google Docs users; district communications and administrative teams.

### READ THE ORIGINAL SOURCES

**Use Gemini Notebook sources in Google Docs**
workspaceupdates.googleblog.com · Published 2026-09-23 · Open source

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# Encrypted Slides imports enter beta

Vendor beta announcement
Google Workspace Updates

### THE FINDING

Google's September 24 release allows eligible beta participants to import PowerPoint files as client-side encrypted Slides. Google says the content is encrypted on the client before import and conversion, adding an interoperability path for organizations working across Office and Workspace. Education Standard and Plus are eligible, but an organization must be accepted into the CSE Office Interop beta; the announcement is not general availability for every school. Existing accepted domains receive the feature, while new applicants gain access after acceptance. This makes a controlled document-workflow evaluation possible without establishing that every presentation will retain all required behavior.

### THE EVIDENCE

Official product announcement specifies beta enrollment, education eligibility and availability for accepted domains. Conversion quality is a vendor claim.

### LIMITS TO KEEP IN VIEW

Beta scope, local encryption configuration and document fidelity constrain adoption. The release supplies no district-specific cost or independent interoperability results.

### WHAT LEADERS CAN DO

Editorial recommendation: Test a non-sensitive deck with charts, notes and accessibility features through import, editing, export and recovery. Cost: include encryption administration and training. Service: retain a fallback. Risk: verify key access and document recovery. Adoption: approve a narrow workflow only after the round trip meets requirements.

### SCOPE / CONTEXT

Accepted CSE beta organizations, including eligible Education Standard and Plus tenants.

### READ THE ORIGINAL SOURCES

**PowerPoint import to client-side encrypted Slides**
workspaceupdates.googleblog.com · Published 2026-09-24 · Open source

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# Set a purpose for occupancy data

Vendor hardware feature announcement
Google Workspace Updates

### THE FINDING

Google announced occupancy counting for Logitech Gen 2 Android-based Meet room hardware, starting with Rally Board 65. Administrators can review or export room-use data. Google says processing occurs locally and no personally identifiable information is collected or stored; depending on hardware, the camera indicator may remain off during counting. The feature is off by default. Although the announcement uses availability language, its rollout schedule begins September 28 and may exceed 15 days. Earlier Gen 1 support is described as a future update. A district should therefore check the exact hardware and rollout state before promising an operating capability.

### THE EVIDENCE

September 23 vendor announcement; privacy behavior and hardware support are stated by Google and were not independently measured.

### LIMITS TO KEEP IN VIEW

Hardware-specific behavior and staged delivery limit immediate use. Vendor privacy statements do not replace local verification or a clear purpose for collecting counts.

### WHAT LEADERS CAN DO

Editorial recommendation: Facilities, technology and staff representatives should define the question before enabling one pilot room. Explain sensor behavior. Cost: start with existing equipment. Service: compare counts with actual use. Risk: keep individual attendance separate. Adoption: set a review period, an owner and a retention decision for exports.

### SCOPE / CONTEXT

District meeting facilities using eligible Logitech Meet hardware.

### READ THE ORIGINAL SOURCES

**Occupancy counting on Logitech Meet hardware**
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# Check who can see a Chat space member list

Primary developer release notes
Google for Developers

### THE FINDING

The Google Chat API now exposes generally available controls over who can view a space's membership list. Google's September 23 developer release describes settings for target audiences and space roles, with both relevant fields required when making an update. This matters for districts that create or manage spaces through integrations: a successful creation request alone does not show that membership visibility matches the intended audience. The change concerns member-list visibility. It should be evaluated alongside the separate decisions about discovering a space, joining it and reading its content, rather than treated as a complete privacy configuration.

### THE EVIDENCE

Dated developer release notes identify two membership-visibility fields and require both in the update mask and request body.

### LIMITS TO KEEP IN VIEW

API general availability does not establish local licensing, application authorization or a tested district configuration. No local integration was changed for this report.

### WHAT LEADERS CAN DO

Editorial recommendation: The integration owner should test the actual result with accounts representing a manager, member and intended nonmember audience. Preserve the resulting settings with the integration's configuration record. Cost: allow for engineering and regression checks. Service: keep legitimate discovery usable. Risk: a group name or membership can itself be sensitive. Adoption: update provisioning templates only after role-based checks demonstrate the intended behavior.

### SCOPE / CONTEXT

District developers and administrators managing Google Chat spaces.

### READ THE ORIGINAL SOURCES

**Chat API release notes: membership visibility**
developers.google.com · Published 2026-09-23 · Open source

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# The week ahead

Before Tuesday / Review defaults

**01** Collaboration administrator and records owner: inspect Meet note-taking settings, previous alpha configurations and applicable licenses. Publish a short host guide before the September 29 rollout.

**02** Identity lead: test one temporary delegated role through expiry and confirm the audit record. Add an end date and accountable owner to access requests.

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**03** Security and business office: rehearse a fictional mailbox compromise and supplier-change request, including session revocation, account recovery and separate-channel verification.

**04** Endpoint lead: inventory Windows versions and editions, check affected sign-in and audio configurations, and report migration priorities with a tested recovery path.

Before enabling / Require local evidence

**05** Knowledge and document owners: run limited tests of Notebook-backed drafting and encrypted PowerPoint conversion using public or non-sensitive material.

**06** Facilities and integration owners: define the purpose of occupancy data and verify Chat membership visibility from each relevant role before broader adoption.

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