



The [Consortium for School Networking \(CoSN\)](#) is honored to support the work of current and aspiring superintendents and district leadership teams through the [Association of Educational Service Agencies](#) in leading all aspects of digital learning transformations.

### **CoSN/AASA EmpowerED Superintendents Initiative: Free Leadership Resources**

Several years ago CoSN and AASA joined together to create the EmpowerED Superintendents Initiative to support superintendents and other school leaders in leading technology innovations within their school districts. Over the years many resources have been developed to assist superintendents and school leaders in successfully implementing educational technology initiatives. Listed below are just a few of the free resources that are readily available on the CoSN EmpowerED Superintendents website

[\(https://www.cosn.org/superintendents/\)](https://www.cosn.org/superintendents/).

Self-Assessment for Superintendents

Self-Assessment for Chief Technology Officers and Technology Staff

Self-Assessment District Leadership Team

Job Description for a Chief Technology Officer or Technology Director

Interview Questions for Hiring an Educational Technology Leader

Evaluation Rubric for the Chief Technology Officer

In addition to the items listed above, another very popular, freely available, resource is the collection of “Critical Focus Areas: Issue One-Pagers”. The “One-Pager” documents cover a variety of edtech topics that are written to help superintendents and school leaders effectively communicate with multiple stakeholders on a wide range of critical educational technology topics.

Three examples of the thirteen One-Pager titles that are accessible on the CoSN EmpowerED Superintendents web page (<https://www.cosn.org/superintendents/>) include:

Screen Time and EdTech

Artificial Intelligence & Generative AI

Strategic Technology Planning and Investment

### **EmpowerED Superintendent edLeader Panel Broadcasts**

CoSN, AASA, and edWeb.net co-host an online edLeader Panel broadcast series, sponsored by ClassLink, to help superintendents, school leaders and educators connect and collaborate. Season 8 of the EmpowerED Superintendent edLeader Panel Broadcast series concluded with the March 9, 2026, edLeader Panel broadcast on the topic of *Cybersecurity Priorities, Policies, and Practices for K-12 Leaders*. The broadcast featured superintendents Kristen Bahr from Peninsula School District (WA), Tom Livezey from Oakridge Public Schools (MI), and Dr. Mary Templeton from Lake Stevens School District (WA). The three superintendents were joined on the panel by Amy McLaughlin, CoSN’s Cybersecurity Project Director.

Free access to the recording, podcast version and article for the March 9, 2026 broadcast as well as for multiple other broadcasts in this series are readily available at <https://home.edweb.net/supers/>.

### **CoSN 2026 Conference**

The CoSN 2026 Conference, whose theme is “Building What’s Next, Together” will take place in Chicago, Illinois from April 13, 2026, through April 15, 2026, at the Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk. You can view the Pre-

Conference Schedule, the “Schedule at a Glance” and the Full Schedule agenda, as well as learn about accommodations, and also register for the CoSN 2026 Conference at: <https://www.cosn.org/cosn2026/>.

## CoSN Membership

If you, your school or district would like more information about joining CoSN or getting more involved with CoSN, please contact [membership@cosn.org](mailto:membership@cosn.org)

### Here’s what we offer:

- **10% Discount for Medium, Large, and Mega Large Districts:** We understand the challenges faced by districts with larger student populations. That's why we're thrilled to offer a generous 10% discount on membership dues for districts classified as Medium, Large, and Mega Large. Dive into a wealth of resources, tools, and networking opportunities at a fraction of the cost.
- **Complimentary Membership for Small Districts:** We're committed to leveling the playing field for all districts, including those with smaller enrollments. With our Bulk Membership Program, school districts with fewer than 2,500 students receive complimentary membership. Yes, you read that right—access our resources and connect with industry experts without spending a dime on membership dues!

### Why CoSN?

- **Access Unparalleled Resources and Networking:** Gain exclusive access to cutting-edge insights, best practices, and research-driven solutions tailored to the unique needs of educational leaders. Forge invaluable connections with peers, industry experts, and thought leaders, propelling your district towards digital excellence.
- **Stay Ahead of the Curve:** In today's rapidly evolving educational landscape, staying ahead of the curve is non-negotiable. CoSN equips you with the knowledge, tools, and strategies needed to navigate the complexities of digital learning, ensuring your district remains at the forefront of innovation.

If you are interested in receiving a quote for your districts, please contact Me’Shell Sheffield at [msheffield@cosn.org](mailto:msheffield@cosn.org).