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3rd Annual Infrastructure Survey released

Last week, we were pleased to release our third annual [Infrastructure Survey Report](#), which gives a very helpful picture of the state of connectivity in schools and districts nationwide and the challenges ed tech leaders face. For the third straight year, nearly half of school system leaders identified affordability as the primary obstacle to robust connectivity. More than a third said that capital or upfront expenses are also a challenge.

Additional challenges facing schools and districts include:

- Improving network speed and capacity
- Lack of competition for broadband services
- Impact of E-rate changes
- Rising digital inequality

Which of these apply most to your district? Visit

<http://cosn.org/Infrastructure2015> to learn about them in-depth and start to brainstorm potential solutions. **READ MORE**

UPCOMING EVENTS

GA K12 Council Meetings

January 29, 2016
Newton County
“Innovation Expo”
10am-2pm

February 6, 2016
Bibb County
“Let’s Talk”
10am-2pm

February 26, 2016
Madison County
“All In Learning”
10am-2pm

Click [HERE](#) to attend a local meeting. Count is for lunch purposes!



[Registration is open!](#)

April 4-7, 2016 ~ Washington Hilton Hotel

Accelerating Success: Powered by an eLearning Culture
Technology is constantly changing the way students learn and how teachers teach. School systems are in the midst of a digital leap, moving away from the traditional into the world of e-learning. The success of this shift depends as much on the people and culture of the system as it does on the technology used. The CoSN 2016 Annual Conference will focus on the ways that school systems can change their organizational cultures, embrace a culture of digital options, and accelerate success.

RESOURCES

- [Ed Tech Next report](#) - Focusing on data analytics
- [SmartIT initiative](#) - Structure your network cheaply and sustainably
- [Learning Analytics: Using Data to Personalize Learning and Teaching](#) - Figure out how to safely use data to truly personalize instruction

Student Data and Privacy

Our latest Ed Tech Next report, [Identity and Access Management: Fundamentals for Securing Student Data and Privacy](#), provides key information about the 5 "A"s of identity and access management. Be sure to download this members-only resource to inform your plans for student privacy! [Learn more](#)

Our Fall 2015 report, Identity and Access Management: Fundamentals for Securing Student Data and Privacy, dives into one of the most important issues facing ed tech professionals today. We believe that robust identity and access management technologies should go hand-in-hand with the shift to digital content. This Ed Tech Next report will walk you through the 5 "A"s of identity and access management, and some of the key decisions you'll have to make using case studies and real-world examples. Download it today! - See more at: <http://cosn.org/ed-tech-next-reports#sthash.dp7xBT60.dpuf>

4th Annual IT Leadership Survey Now Open:

If you haven't already, please take 15 minutes to complete our latest survey. Your feedback will provide valuable insights to those who need it most. Help us uncover trends, identify opportunities, and highlight urgent areas for improvement in today's school systems. [Take the survey today!](#)

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Webinar:

CoSN's legislative counsel explained the technology provisions of ESSA, which became law in December. [Listen to the archived webinar](#) -- for CoSN members only!

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