THE FUTURE OF E-RATE

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E-rate funding has transformed the ed tech landscape in schools. The federal program has been modernized many times, but new changes are being debated. This recent DA audience survey explored how E-rate funding is being used, what challenges face schools looking to apply for this funding, and what future changes to E-rate administrators would support.

Have you applied for E-rate funding for your school or district within the past 5 years?



Would you describe E-rate funding as mission-critical to your school district?

17% yes, probably –

76% yes, definitely

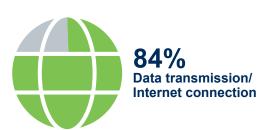
Why haven't you applied for E-rate funding?



understand what qualifies for E-rate funding

We don't qualify or do not need this type of funding

What category of technology does your district most utilize E-rate for?









Would you support expanding E-rate funding to cover any of the following?

Cybersecurity hardware and software for schools and districts

85%

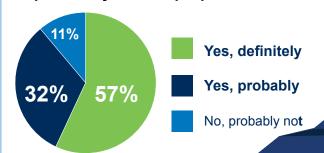
Installing wi-fi on school buses

46%

Installing internet connections at home for low-income students

43%

If E-rate funding was expanded to include coverage for cybersecurity hardware and software, would you apply for E-rate specifically for this purpose?



*Data taken from the District Administration "2019 E-rate Survey," deployed October 2019, with 179 administrators participating.



7% no -

Application process/paperwork

66%

Time and effort required to apply

50%

Understanding what is eligible

45%

E-rate doesn't cover what we need funding for

40%

Reimbursement procedures 25%



