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Dear Superintendents and BOCES directors,

Today I am sharing the following updates:

- [CCSSO Update: FCC Rescinds Subsidies for Wi-Fi on School Buses and Mobile Hot Spots](#)
- [CDE Update: WestEd surveys and site visits for READ Act evaluation](#)

CCSSO Update: FCC Rescinds Subsidies for Wi-Fi on School Buses and Mobile Hot Spots:

We received the following in the Council of Chief State School Officers' weekly update on Friday, Oct. 3:

On Tuesday [Sep. 30], the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) voted 2-1 along party lines to roll back regulations that provided subsidies for Wi-Fi on school buses and for mobile hot spots. [News reports](#) suggest that this would affect applications for federal FY 2025 funds such that applicants who signed contracts for these services may need to find alternative funding sources to meet contractual obligations or make up for lost reimbursement. Schools and districts have reportedly requested \$42.6 million in E-Rate funds for hot spots and \$15.3 million for school bus Wi-Fi.

CDE Update: WestEd surveys and site visits for READ Act evaluation

We are required to conduct an annual external evaluation of the Colorado READ Act, carried out by a third-party contractor, WestEd. This evaluation examines the impact of the READ Act on improving reading outcomes for struggling readers. In the coming weeks, districts will receive links to surveys for stakeholder groups—including district leaders, principals, coaches, teachers, and parents—to gather insights and feedback on implementation. In addition, WestEd conducts site visits at a limited number of schools to better understand classroom-level practices. The findings from this evaluation inform CDE's ongoing support and collaboration with districts, with the goal of continually strengthening literacy outcomes for students across the state.

Warm Regards,

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