



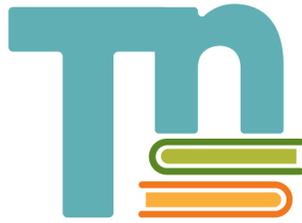
TENNESSEE ALLIANCE FOR
**EQUITY IN
EDUCATION**
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December 17, 2025 | 12 - 1 CT / 1 - 2 ET

Zoom Link: <https://edtrust.zoom.us/j/2857360736?omn=87676505064>

PARTNER SIGN IN: [Tennessee Alliance for Equity in Education | Circle Up Sign-In \(google.com\)](#)

Time	Topic	Speaker
12:00 - 12:10 CT	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome! Please in the chat share your:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Name, role & organization○ What are you excited about for the winter break? <p>Circle Up PowerPoint</p> <p>Alliance Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We're Hiring!<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ GR Intern○ Senior Associate, Communications & Engagement• Regional Roundtable Resources & Recap<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ PowerPoint Resource Guide	<p>Meili, EdTrust-TN</p> <p>Breana & Jeff, EdTrust TN</p>
12:10 - 12:25 CT	<p>Policy & Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Policy Agenda<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Redline version○ Clean version• ESSA Resources<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ New One Pagers:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ ESSA 101■ ESSA FAQ○ Sign On Update + Final Sign On○ New national resource tracking state ESSA waivers• On Our Radar<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ TISA Review Committee members have been identified○ Tennessee's direct admissions pilot hits a key milestone○ Federal regulatory processes on the	<p>Jenny & Nikkolette, EdTrust TN</p>

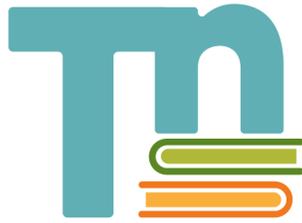


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	<p>new federal voucher and workforce Pell</p> <p>Government Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 2026 Session Preview● Save the Date: Alliance Day on the Hill (Feb 18) & 2026 Ten for Tennessee (Feb 17)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Partner Days on Hill? ■ Share here: ●● On Our Radar● Federal Resources<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Call to Action: Dismantling of the Department of Education○ EducationCounsel ALERT: Request for Comments on OBBBA Education Tax Credit, USED Transfers Legal Challenge, Northwestern Settlement (12/2/25)○ ESSA at 10: The Law was Never About Perfection. It was About Protection for Students - EdTrust○ Reported Support of "Patriotic Education" By Teachers Needs More Investigation - EdTrust	<p>Jeff, EdTrust TN</p>
<p>12:25 - 12:50 CT</p>	<p>Breakouts: 2025 Year in Reflection <i>Main Room - Meili</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Group 1: Notetaker: Alexza● Group 2: Notetaker: Jenny● Group 3: Notetaker: Jeff● Group 4: Notetaker: Melissa● Group 5: Notetaker: Nikkolette● Group 6: Notetaker: Juliana● Group 7: Notetaker: Kylie● Group 8: Notetaker: Emily● Group 9: Notetakeer: Breana	



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12:50 - 1:00 CT	Step Into the Circle <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Partner Welcome<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Tennessee Education Association• Partner Share Outs<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ TQEE + SCAN Rock the Hill 1/20	TEA
1:00 CT	Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next Circle Up<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ January 21, 12-1 CT	Meili, EdTrust TN