



TENNESSEE ALLIANCE FOR
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The Alliance | Circle Up Agenda

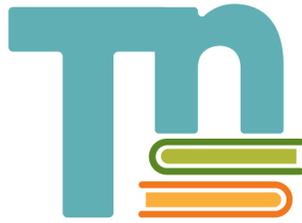
September 17, 2025 | 12 - 1 CT / 1 - 2 ET

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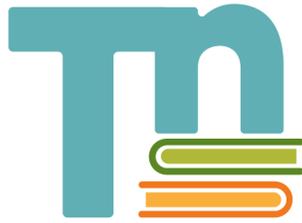
Meeting ID: 285 736 0736

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Time	Topic	Speaker
12:00 - 12:15 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 & organizationWhat is your favorite fall activity? <p>Circle Up PowerPoint</p> <p>EdTrust Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Alliance All Call Resources<ul style="list-style-type: none">Changes to school accountability Slides, Resources DocumentUpdates on federal threats to education PowerPoint, Recording & Resource Document.Federal Focus, TN Lens: How Block Grants and Pell Could Reshape TN PowerPoint, Recording, Resources DocumentFederal Focus, TN Lens: How Federal Vouchers and the Earnings Premium Framework Threaten Educational Opportunity Slides, Recording, Resources DocumentFederal Focus, Tennessee Lens Resource Landing PageAlliance Updates if you haven't yet please:<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Review/edit the Google Doc in your organization's folder2. Mid-Year Survey	Meili Powell, EdTrust-TN



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3. Schedule 1:1 with Meili ● Save the Dates - EdTrust Alliance Public Regional Education Roundtables! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 11/18, 5-7 Chattanooga Construction Career Center ○ 11/20, 5-7 Nashville Scarritt Bennet ○ 12/2, 5-7, Memphis, Civil Rights Museum ○ 12/4, 2-4, Johnson City, Langston Center ○ 12/5, 3-5, Knoxville Beck Cultural Center ● Data update: National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) scores released for national sample of 8th grade science and 12th grade math and English ● Vouchers vs TISA Narrative: Why headlines are missing the mark 	<p>Kylie Allen, EdTrust-Tennessee</p> <p>Juliana Hoover Potash, EdTrust-Tennessee (tentative)</p>
<p>12:15 - 12:50</p>	<p>Alliance Policy Agenda Review & Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2025 Alliance Policy Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ History + Context ○ Goals or Policy Agenda Moving Forward ● Breakouts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Main Room (Melissa) ○ 1: Rigorous & Affirming Learning Experiences (Jenny) ○ 2: Funding & Resource Equity (Juliana) ○ 3: Educator Diversity & Quality (Jazmin) ○ 4: Students Social Emotional & Academic Development (Kylie) ○ 5: Higher Education Access & Success (Emily) ● Next Steps 	<p>Jenny Mills McFerron, EdTrust-TN</p>



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12:50 - 1:00	Step into the Circle <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Tennessee PTA<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Back to school messaging launched on August 8, welcoming students, families, teachers, staff, and PTAs. Messaging was shared on our social media platforms - Facebook, TikTok, Instagram, YouTube - as well as tnpta.org, email, and VoterVoice.● Other back to school spotlights?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Add here● CALEB<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ IIRP World Conference: Artful Integration: Exploring the Art and Science of Restorative Practices Oct 19-20 in Chattanooga● Other upcoming events or actions?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Add here● On Our Radar<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ National Guard Deployment in Memphis Preventative Maintenance Checklist○ Other resources?<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Add here	Charles Everett, TN PTA (tentative) Angelica Acevedo, CALEB (tentative)
1:00 CT	Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Next Circle Up<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ October 22 12 - 1 CT	Jenny Mills McFerron, EdTrust-TN