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August 19, 2026 | 12 - 1 CT / 1 - 2 ET

Zoom Link: https://edtrust.zoom.us/j/2857360736?omn=89871477245

Time	Topic	Speaker
12:00 - 12:05 CT	**Welcome** • Welcome! Please in the chat share your: ○ Name, role & organization ○ What's your fave back to school book? **Circle Up PowerPoint** **Alliance Updates** • **TAEE Partnership Guidebook (members only page,** password taee) **Alliance Survey + Fall Engagement 2026 Preview** • 1:1s • 2026 Regional Roundtables • Mid Year Survey: ○ $50 drawing - 4 winners	Meili Powell, ET-TN
12:10 - 12:15 CT	**Policy & Research Updates** • We're Hiring! Policy Fellow: Join Our Team - EdTrust-Tennessee • Need Based Aid Brief • Upcoming: ○ Federal Tax Credit Webinar with Stand for Children	Nikkolette Hunter & Jenny Mills McFerron, ET-TN
12:15 - 12:25 CT	**Government Relations Updates** • Elections Recap • Discussion • Partner Election Actions? • Upcoming ○ Election Webinar	Jeff Strand, ET-TN

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12:25 - 12:45 CT	**New Partner + Threats of Mass Violence** • Raphah Institute • Threats of Mass Violence ○ New Law Overview ○ Discussion ○ https://www.propublica.org/article/tennessee-school-threats-expulsions ○ https://www.propublica.org/article/tennessee-school-threats-arresting-kids-with-disabilities	Zoe Jamail & Travis Claybrooks, Raphah Institute
12:45 - 1:00 CT	**Step into the Circle: Back to School** • **Back to School / Out of School** ○ PENCIL Back to School Breakfast 2026 Back to School Breakfast fundraiser - Campaign ○ Literacy Midsouth ■ Lit Bag distribution - 12,000 bags distributed this summer alone. ■ Tutoring for elementary school students ○ Cocke County Cradle to Career Coalition: Countdown to Kinder • **Partner Announcements** ○ tnAchieves ■ Prosperity Report ■ Tour ○ YWCA ■ Stand Against Injustice Webinar: ■ Stand Against Injustice: (in person) September 10th 11:30-1pm ○ My Brother's Keeper: 6th Annual Summit Weekend ■ Youth Empowerment Summit ■ marc anthony peek ■ 615.498.5124 ■ marcapeek@jisnashville.gov ■ @mbknashville	Alayna Catacombs, PENCIL Johnny Blount, Literacy MidSouth Jennifer Ellison, C5 Graham Thomas, tnAchieves Delanyo Mensah, YWCA Nashville & Middle TN Marc Anthony Peek, My Brother's Keeper All

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	○ Black Mental Health Village ■ Needs of Young people findings (coming soon) ■ Webinar of findings 08/20: Youth vaping and tobacco use is high in TN - pushing for stronger restrictions and ■ Youth Summit in October ■ Benaias@bmhv.org ○ Others? ■ Centro is having an Open House next Monday, the 24th from 4-7pm ET! If you're in the Knoxville area, come visit our space and learn more about our programs ■	
1:00 CT	**Closing** ● Next Circle Up ○ September 16, 12 -1 CT	Meili, EdTrust TN

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