



# Online News

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## **Annual Conference Presentations Online**

We have gathered many of the breakout presentations as well as keynote Adora Svitak's address and placed them on our website. [www.aesa.us](http://www.aesa.us) This is an opportunity to revisit the information you didn't get to see or would like to remember better! Our thanks to our presenters and their efforts!

## **Federal Legislative Update – New Format**

We are providing an attachment with this e-mail for you to use to see and hear our new format to keep you informed about what is happening at the federal legislative scene. Noelle Ellerson is providing the commentary. AESA contracts with AASA for Noelle's help. This is something we hope to do more regularly or when there is news to report in order to keep you as informed as we can. Click on the attachment to see the power point and audio recording of the update. Start the slide show, then to hear the audio, click on the speaker icon and advance through the show. If you have questions or comments, please let us know.

## **AASA Survey Request – E-Rates**

AASA has asked if we would help gather some information. Please consider completing the survey on E-Rates with the link in this article.

Education technology, telecommunications and connectivity are crucial resources to school districts as they work to prepare America's students for an increasingly global and competitive work place. Recent policy and funding trends at the federal level have failed to demonstrate an adequate commitment to education technology.

In an effort to gauge how connected America's schools are and how connected they need to be, AESA and AASA have put together a brief survey. Please take a few moments to complete this survey, or to forward it to the relevant IT person in your agency. Our advocacy team will use this information as we move forward with ESEA reauthorization, E-Rate discussions and general dialogue related to education technology and connectivity.

Thank you, in advance, for taking the time to complete this survey. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Noelle Ellerson [nellerson@aasa.org](mailto:nellerson@aasa.org).

[Take the survey!](#)

## **Happy New Year!**

All of us at AESA want to wish you a Happy New Year and hope that this New Year brings much happiness and joy for you and your organization!