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The Alabama Supercomputer Authority
Newsletter

ASA Spotlight - Elevate

ELEVATE

The Alabama Supercomputer Authority (ASA) announces Project Elevate, a project transitioning all services currently delivered by its professional services contractor to be managed in-house. This transition underscores ASA's dedication to long-term success and operational stability. Implementation will occur in two phases over the next three years.

As part of this strategic shift, ASA is expanding its technical staff to strengthen internal expertise and support the continuity of services relied upon by schools, libraries, and institutions across the state. This planned growth over the next two years will help build a resilient, capable team to serve Alabama well into the future.

This is an exciting new chapter for ASA—one that reflects our commitment to the education community through innovation, sustainability, and service excellence.

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E-Rate Update from Member Services

ASA is proud to announce the successful filing of 261 E-Rate Consortium applications during the Funding Year 2025 filing window, which closed on March 26, 2025. These applications focus on Category One services, providing Managed Internet Access and Managed WAN services to our Consortium members. Covering 1,015 sites across school districts and public libraries, the applications will save the state over \$21M for the upcoming funding year. ASA extends sincere gratitude to all our Consortium members for their support in making the FY25 E-Rate filing a success.

For more information, use the link below.

<https://www.asc.edu/service-area/e-rate>

Client Services Gets a New Name!

To better reflect ASA's mission and future direction, our **Client Services** division is now called **Member Services**. This change highlights our commitment to collaboration, support, and service-oriented work. We believe "**Member Services**" better represents the value we place on our partnerships across Alabama's education and technology communities.



Legislative Update - Sawyer Knowles New Funding Model for Alabama Schools

The Alabama Legislature is moving forward with a major change to how public schools are funded. As part of a \$12.1 billion education budget package, lawmakers have approved a new weighted funding model for K-12 schools.

Instead of a flat amount per student, the new formula allocates additional funds based on student needs—providing more resources for students in poverty, English language learners, students with disabilities, gifted students, and those in charter schools. The goal is to better reflect the real costs of educating students with diverse learning needs and help schools direct support where it's needed most.

This is the first major overhaul of Alabama's education funding formula in decades, and it's expected to impact how resources flow to districts across the state starting in the next fiscal year.

Message from the CEO - Debra Wallace

Project Elevate - The Right Move for Alabama



At ASA, every decision we make is guided by one central mission: to serve the people of Alabama—especially our students, educators, and the institutions that support them. Today, I'm proud to echo and expand on the exciting announcement of Project Elevate: a strategic initiative to bring all of our services fully in-house over the next three years.

This change is more than just a shift in operations—it's a strong commitment to Alabama, to our education system, and to the long-term strength and stability of the state's educational infrastructure.

By in-sourcing our services, we're investing directly in Alabama's workforce by growing a team of dedicated professionals who live and work in the communities they serve. These are people who are driven to deliver reliable, forward thinking technology that supports learning and innovation.

Project Elevate allows us to build deeper institutional knowledge, develop stronger continuity across systems, and provide even more responsive support to the educators and students who count on us every day. We're laying the foundation for a more responsive, more secure, and more future-ready ASA—one that can adapt and grow alongside the changing needs of education across the state.

This is not just good for ASA. It's the right move for Alabama.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our mission. With Project Elevate, we are taking a bold step forward—and I couldn't be more excited about what lies ahead.



ASA Will be attending AETC Conference June 18th- 20th

Stop by our booth to catch up, learn more about ASA, Project Elevate and grab some ASA branded gear!