



Large U.S. School District Puts Focus on Textbook Inventory

EXPECTED TO SAVE MILLIONS
WITH CENTRALIZED TRACKING

THE CHALLENGE: OUTDATED COUNTS AND UNACCOUNTED RESOURCES

When a new textbook and resources specialist joined the district's warehouse and print services team, one of their first priorities was straightforward but daunting:

Make sure the district's textbook inventory was current, correct, and visible across every school.

What they found:

- Warehouse inventory data was **outdated**.
- Textbooks were **unaccounted for** or sitting in the wrong place.
- Books might be delivered to one school but actually needed at another, **floating in limbo** before anyone realized it.
- The district risked **ordering new copies of books it already owned** but couldn't see in any system.

The goal was clear: **stop wasting money on resources the district already had** and get existing materials into students' hands faster.

THE SOLUTION: DESTINY RESOURCE MANAGER + INVENTORY SERVICES

The district chose Follett Destiny® Resource Manager as the system of record for textbooks and other instructional assets, and partnered with Follett Software Managed Services to handle the heavy lifting of a full district inventory.

What the district implemented

Destiny Resource Manager

A web-based management system to track textbooks and assets across the district:

- Centralized, district-wide view of inventory.
- Visibility into where each book is located — warehouse or school.
- Support for transfers between sites so books move to where they're actually needed.

Managed Services

A specialized services team to remove bandwidth barriers:

- Follett staff traveled to the district warehouse and every school site.
- They barcoded and counted every teacher and student edition to arrive at an accurate baseline.
- Managed Services acted as an extension of the district team for the duration of the project.

With dozens of elementary, middle, and high schools — plus charters — this was not a project the district could have completed alone without pausing other critical work.

HOW IT WORKED: FROM WAREHOUSE SHELVES TO STUDENT DESKS

1. Establishing a true baseline

Onsite services staff:

- Audited existing warehouse inventory.
- Visited each school to scan, barcode, and count textbooks.
- Reconciled counts into Destiny Resource Manager, creating a single, trusted textbook inventory.

This process surfaced:

- Under-used books sitting in storage at some campuses.
- Gaps at other schools that were requesting new books.
- The total value of resources already on hand but previously invisible at the district level.

2. Training school-level textbook administrators

To keep the new baseline accurate, the district trained textbook leads at every school:

- All site leads attended a virtual Destiny Resource Manager training session.
- Training covered:
 - How to receive new resources.
 - How to add items into the system.
 - How to execute transfers so books move from schools with surplus to schools with need.

The message was clear: everyone plays a part in maintaining accurate inventory going forward.

RESULTS: FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP AND OPERATIONAL CLARITY

District-wide visibility

With the project complete, district leaders and school sites can now:

- See exactly how many copies of each textbook exist and where they're located.
- Move resources between schools instead of purchasing extras.
- Avoid letting new adoptions or shifting enrollment patterns create hidden waste.

Time and cost savings

By combining:

- A modern resource management system, and
- A one-time, district-wide inventory services project,

the district expects to save several million dollars over the life of its current adoptions — largely by not re-buying books it already owns but previously couldn't account for.

Leaders are pleased that:

- Budgets are no longer being spent on “mystery” shortages.
- The district can back up its requests and spending decisions with real data.

A long-term partnership

The district plans to work with the services team again on future projects as needs arise:

- Additional inventory checks when new adoptions roll out.
- Support for barcoding and tracking 1:1 devices or other assets.
- Ongoing help when internal bandwidth is stretched thin.

As the textbook specialist put it, having an external team come in to handle the physical work of counting and barcoding — and finishing ahead of schedule — was a lifesaver.



WHY THIS MATTERS FOR OTHER DISTRICTS

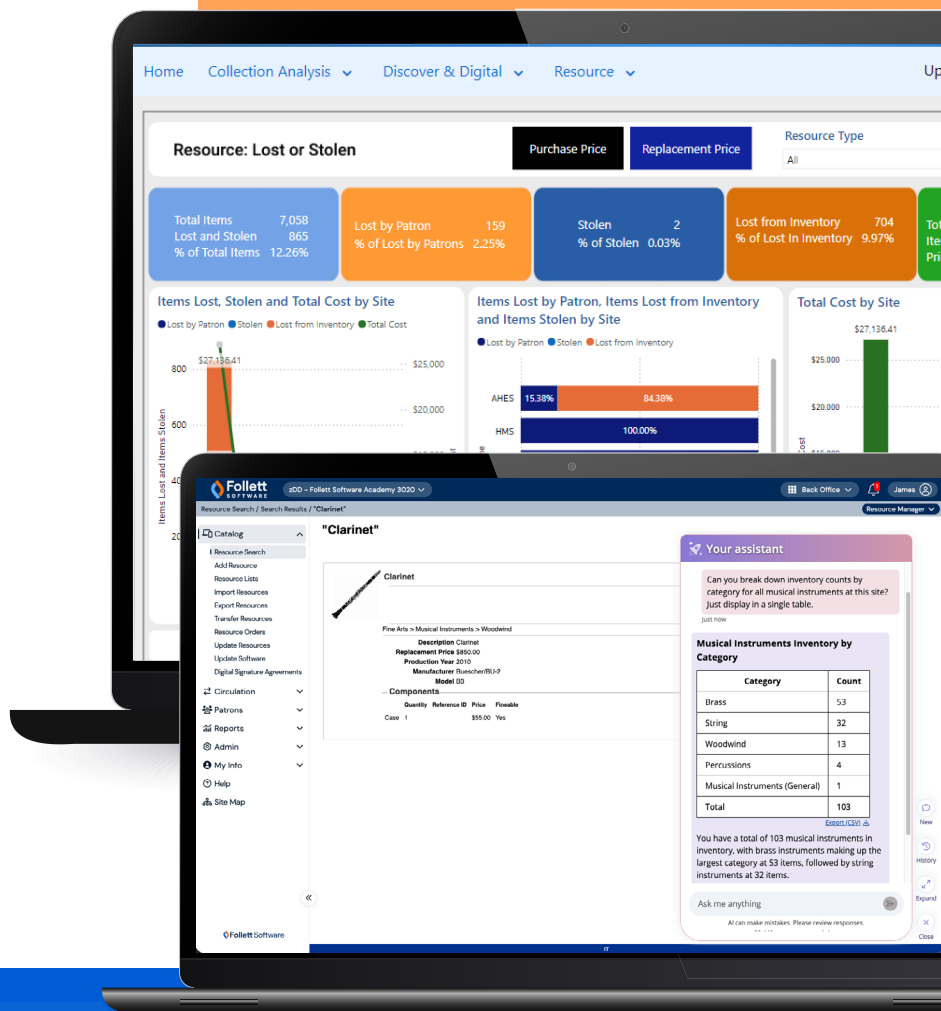
If your district:

- Suspects warehouse inventory is outdated,
- Is never quite sure how many textbooks you really have,
- Or keeps buying new books while others sit unused on shelves,

an approach like this can:

- **Give you a trustworthy, district-wide baseline,**
- **Prevent unnecessary purchases, and**
- **Ensure students get the resources you've already paid for faster.**

Pairing Destiny Resource Manager with Managed Services turns "we think we have enough" into "we know, and we can prove it."



Ready to stop buying books you already own? See how Destiny Resource Manager and Managed Services can help your district build a trusted inventory baseline, move materials where they are needed, and uncover significant savings.

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