

THE COST OF

DISCONNECTION

What Fragmentation Really Costs a Large District



How many systems does it take to answer one question: **what do we own?**

In a large district, the honest answer is usually **"more than anyone can count."**

01 THE SPRAWL

3,001

average number of unique digital tools a district accesses, while **students and educators each use only about 4.**

Instructure, 2026 EdTech Top 40.

895 to 3,000

the climb in tools per district from 2018-19 to today

(LearnPlatform by Instructure)

**The problem is not access.
It is fragmentation.**

02 THE COST PAID THREE TIMES

Fragmentation feels free. It isn't.



Finance pays in numbers that never reconcile.

"What do we own?" takes weeks and still does not agree with itself.

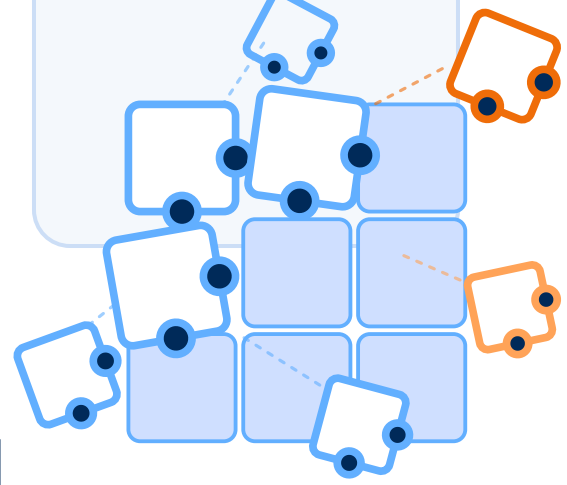


IT pays in integrations to build, vendors to vet, and privacy reviews that never end.

Interoperability is now a top leadership standard (SETDA).



The budget pays in duplicate purchases, buying again what a closet already holds.



03 THE SHIFT

The districts pulling ahead are consolidating.

Fewer systems. Shared infrastructure.
Reports that roll up to finance in one language, across every school and department.

MANY SYSTEMS



ONE SOURCE OF TRUTH



This is the rare move where business and IT win together: cleaner numbers for finance and fewer systems for IT, all in one decision.

04 THE PAYOFF

One source of truth changes what leadership can do.

\$20k

reported saved by consolidating textbooks (Santa Ana Unified).



250k

resources, 2 staff managed centrally (St. Mary's County).



100%

senior textbook collection enabled by reporting (unnamed district).



Visibility is what turns a large inventory into a defensible plan.

05 THE TRUSTED MOVE

For Destiny Library Manager districts, the trusted platform is already in place.

65%

of US districts already use and trust Follett Destiny® Library Manager.

Managing the resources that live outside the library there is a step forward, not a rip-and-replace, at a lower total cost of ownership. Destiny Resource Manager is how verified Destiny districts make the move.

See your cost of disconnection. >>