



A&M EDUCATION

Is Your District Ready for Its Financial Future?

Alvarez & Marsal's Rapid Fiscal Cliff Assessment

Today, rising costs and revenue instability are the biggest threats school district leaders are facing as they pursue their mission to educate and prepare the next generation for the future. The first step in addressing these threats is understanding the financial risks of your particular district, and what to do to mitigate and eliminate them, while keeping students at the center of the mission.



A&M's Fiscal Cliff Assessment arms district leaders with the objective information they need to plan and address their financial future. Dissecting both central office and school-facing cost structures, and key financial processes, this rapid fiscal cliff assessment highlights the greatest risks to financial sustainability and provides an action plan to balance the budget and position districts for success.

Time to deliver: Four weeks

In just four weeks, senior financial and academic experts from A&M's Education team work directly with district teams to conduct a rapid fiscal cliff assessment to provide:

1) Current Financial Health Assessment

- Analysis of budget to actuals and implications for future surplus/deficit
- Balance sheet evaluation to determine current risk posture
- Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) spend review and assessment of ability to support future objectives
- Budget process and financial systems review
- Funding formulas and methodologies review to identify risks to long-term sustainability

2) Financial Scenario Planning

- Three- to five-year financial forecast integrating identified cost-saving opportunities and their impact on surpluses, deficits and overarching financial position
- Fund balance trend and vulnerability assessment
- Enrollment sensitivity analysis

3) Action Plan for Sustainability

- Prioritized list of cost-saving initiatives including quantified savings, feasibility, risks and potential impacts to students
- Understanding of opportunities to increase revenue
- Roadmap for executing cost-saving initiatives

At the conclusion of A&M's fiscal cliff diagnostic, district leaders will have a **clear picture of the district's current and future financial position**, including budget accuracy/budget-to-actual reporting, forecasted financials and a roadmap to a balanced budget through potential cost-saving initiatives.

About A&M Education

A&M Education partners with clients to unlock the potential of students and lifelong learners by generating equitable and effective education solutions, delivered with maximum efficiency, empowered by the best in human and technological innovation.

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