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Transparency and Trust: Instilling Confidence in Stakeholder and Community Skeptics

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SCENARIO #1

Your district entered into a \$5.5 million lease purchase agreement without an appraisal. You also overpaid a vendor \$52,000; an overbilling flagged by auditors. Those are among the 30 findings deemed material weakness by district auditors.

SCENARIO #2

Leadership in your district has had a tough time building trust and support from community stakeholders with its “my way or the highway” manner. The Superintendent speaks disparagingly to parents and teachers, and responded defensively when asked why teachers were asked to undergo a “recommitment” process to continue teaching at the district, which led to many resigning.

SCENARIO #3

Your Superintendent just pleaded guilty to the single felony count, admitting that they misspent \$2.5 million in public education funds. The Superintendent used school credit cards to pay for expensive clothing, luxury hotel stays, and first-class flights.

SCENARIO #4

Your district's former COO has hit your district with a wrongful termination lawsuit when they were fired for seemingly raising concerns about the Superintendent. The lawsuit claims the Superintendent misused public funds, had a romantic relationship with a school contractor, improperly hired one of their daughters, and changed another daughter's grades.