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Lee's Summit R-7 School District

A case study

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Lee's Summit R-7 School District needed a web filtering solution that protected students both on and off campus for its Chromebook 1:1 initiative to succeed and comply with federal laws.

Business challenge

With 18,000 students and 2,600 staff utilizing school devices across 32 locations, Lee's Summit required a self-scaling web filtering solution to keep its students safe online. The need became more pronounced when the District adopted a 1:1 Chromebook policy as part of its Connect2Learn program.

Under the new program, every student was provided a device to use both on and off campus, with student safety being a major concern. Securly was the answer. Securly's web filtering software monitors student activity of whether or not the students are on campus, along with sending regular reports to the school as well as parents.

According to Dr. Amy Gates, R-7's Executive Director of Technology, a one-size-fits-all approach was not suitable for a District the size of R-7.

Securly's self-serviceable customization of blacklisting and whitelisting of websites as per user requirements appealed to Dr. Gates. Kinzie Wooderson, Coordinator of Network Services, echoed Dr. Gates's concerns and pointed out the need to provide flexibility to its teachers to access all relevant online resources without being hindered by non-intuitive filtering setup.

Business impact

- Easy and quick deployment
- Supports 1:1 Chromebook computing districtwide
- Effectively filters devices away from school network
- Cloud-based solution eliminates bandwidth issues
- User-friendly dashboard provides detailed visibility into user activity

Partners in security

Securly's parent portal features kept parents up-to-date on their child's online activities, which made parents equal partners in student security and helped the school deal with student disciplinary issues.

Now, both parents and administrators can be on the same page when it comes to improving student productivity and achievement.

Solution of the future

Securly is a complete cloud-based solution, which means that the School District didn't have to worry about aligning its hardware to ever increasing goals and requirements. The software is updated in the cloud at regular intervals without disturbing the user experience or compromising student safety.

Integration with Google apps for education

Securly seamlessly integrates with G Suite for Education (previously known as GAFE) thereby allowing a single sign-on for all users. This saved the school valuable time and resources that would have otherwise been spent on training and support calls.

Getting the full report

Lee's Summit regularly reviews Securly's easy-to-read big data analytics, illustrated with straightforward visuals and accessible through the admin dashboard. Securly's reports consistently provide administrators and educators with relevant data to improve student productivity and achievement. These reports also help them act upon any misuse of the technology when necessary.

These reports supply Gates and Wooderson a higher level of visibility than they had with their previous solution. With Securly, "we've been better equipped for addressing disciplinary issues with students," Wooderson says.

" Being cloud-based makes it much easier to Securly provides a distribute the content-filtering information to people solution that is who need it the most. They are not bogged with the details of access rights"

Dr. Amy Gates,
Executive Director of Technology

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