Adopting the Latest MMS Technologies

Adam Swinchock, Director of Technology at Jefferson-Morgan School District, couldn't be happier with his student information system. His school district recently upgraded to the latest SQL version of MMS by Computer Resources LLC – at very little cost and at a great value to tax payers.

"We've been satisfied MMS clients for more than ten years now," said Swinchock. "MMS has always provided us with the most current technology available to manage our student data. The newest version just shows their commitment to meeting the needs of today's schools."

Computer Resources offers more than a single piece of static software. Their developers continually enhance and improve the MMS software in response to their customer's suggestions and requirements. These enhancements ensure that the client's investment increases in value over time, while providing the best in student data management software.

"The biggest benefit to our district is the responsiveness of the database and the speed of access to the data," says Swinchock.

MMS's teacher GradeBook computes student's averages in real-time, so all stakeholders, from teachers and administration, to parents and students, can track grades and view a student's progress in the current term and beyond. A student's activities and progress with homework, missing assignments, attendance, disciplinary action, graduation requirements, and much more can be shared immediately with those who are invested in the student's success.

"I can print an accurate progress report for a single student or the entire student body at any time of day," says Swinchock.

MMS software is not only powerful, but it is intuitive and easy to learn.
"I like the way the software stops you when you make an error," says Swinchock. "It never lets things get too far out of hand. The error reports are specific enough that you can quickly get back on track."

If clients do run into a problem that they can't resolve, Computer Resources' personalized technical support is just a phone call away. For more than three decades, the company has prided itself on having a live person answering client calls, instead of a complicated call routing system. Computer Resources also offers various training opportunities, ranging from on-site training to affordable webinars that can be attended when it is most convenient for your staff.

Your MMS student information database can be managed locally, hosted in a secure data center, or accessed through a Software-as-a Service plan. Swinchock prefers to manage the system locally at his district because he is able to leverage educational pricing for technology with his IT management at the lowest possible operating cost.

"Our district must comply with child accounting audits," says Swinchock. "We need uninhibited access to our servers. With MMS, I can rest assured that I can both meet my state reporting goals, and prove the integrity of my data to the child accounting auditors. There is never a question about who has access to our district's data."

MMS utilizes login validation through LDAP-compliant directory services like Microsoft's Active Directory. The typical user of MMS only needs a single username and password to access their school network and the MMS application. Network administrators only need to manage a single username and password for each teacher, staff member, and student. Password protocol can be configured to coordinate with the MMS SIF agent, automatically adding students to the directory at the time of registration.

Swinchock has seen problems arise with other student information systems that are not as effective as MMS. As a regular attendee of Intermediate Unit meetings and brainstorming sessions, he finds MMS to be head and shoulders above the rest in functionality, especially with regard to state reporting, "With MMS, I get to sit back and remind myself that I don't have the problems that users of other student information systems may have. MMS is my one-stop for student data management."

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