



Baltimore City Public Schools With Enrollment of 82,000 Students Selects Extreme Networks as Preferred Switching Vendor

Progressive K-12 School District Supporting More Than 200 Facilities Benefits From Robust Network Services, Consistent Software and Comprehensive Product Support

SANTA CLARA, CA, Jan 06, 2010 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Extreme Networks, Inc. (NASDAQ: EXTR) today announced that after an extensive evaluation process among major competing vendors, Extreme Networks was named the preferred network switch vendor for the Baltimore City Public School District.

The district, supporting 82,000 combined students and staff, as well as 200 separate facilities in the form of elementary, middle, high school and special education sites, has the goal of providing a world-class educational environment backed by high technology network infrastructure that supports e-learning initiatives, including converged data and voice communications, and fast information file transfer between its sites today and into the future.

To meet its initiatives and budget, Baltimore City Schools elected to move its network progressively forward with Extreme Networks' comprehensive and high performance LAN solutions that support secure network convergence with impressive energy efficiency and low operational costs.

Extreme Networks K-12 education solution for Baltimore City Schools features the open and extensible ExtremeXOS(R) OS and Summit(R) X450e and Summit X450a fixed switches. The Summit X450e switches serve the converged edge and provide non-blocking performance, advanced features for power management and a Limited Lifetime Warranty that is standard with purchase, serving Baltimore City School's network infrastructure needs on a go-forward basis.

Extreme Networks' SummitStack(TM) management feature delivers cross-platform fixed switch management, resulting in stacking management for up to eight separate switches controlled as one device. This lessens the administrative burden of Baltimore City School's IT staff. SummitStack supports various network topologies and requires no new hardware interfaces and provides the most flexible way to increase switch density and capacity, flexibility of port speed choices, from 10/100 to 10 Gigabit, thus reducing capital investments.

"The forward thinking Baltimore City School district represents the most recent addition to the growing number of educational facilities that are turning to Extreme Networks to create the high performance infrastructure that schools require and demand," said Paul Hooper, chief marketing officer for Extreme Networks. "Our innovative network solutions scale to meet the needs of data, voice and video that enable schools to deliver more interactive classroom experiences while reducing the burden on IT staff through a unique approach resulting in a single software experience from the edge of the network to the core."

Extreme Networks, Inc.

Extreme Networks provides converged Ethernet networks that support data, voice and video for enterprises and service providers. The company's network solutions feature high performance and high availability switching that deliver insight and control enabling customers to solve their real-world business communications challenges. Operating in more than 50 countries, Extreme Networks provides wired and wireless secure LANs, data center infrastructure and Service Provider Ethernet transport solutions that are complemented by global, 24x7 service and support. For more information, visit: www.extremenetworks.com.

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