



Extreme Networks Selected by Allegany School District to Reduce Complexity and Save Costs

Allegany County Public Schools Deploys High Performance Network and Allows Voice, Video and Data to Flow Reliably and Securely

SANTA CLARA, CA, Feb 24, 2009 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Extreme Networks, Inc. (NASDAQ: EXTR) today announced that Allegany County Public Schools selected a converged network to boost performance and save costs based on its award-winning Ethernet networking solutions. The district needed a new network that would provide the capacity, resiliency, and security necessary to deliver voice, video and data reliably across its 22 school district.

Allegany County Public Schools looked at solutions from the top network vendors and considered availability, interoperability in terms of voice convergence, and bandwidth capacity. Performance was also a top priority regarding the functionality to support IP video for the district's physical security system, consisting of surveillance cameras that provide centralized safety monitoring. It was clear Extreme Networks offered the best solution for its needs. The buildings are equipped with Extreme Networks BlackDiamond(R) 8810, Summit(R) X450a, and Summit X450e switches, for a total of almost 200 switches.

"We were looking at Extreme Networks to help us collapse a lot of old networks into one high performance infrastructure," said Jeff Blank, supervisor of networking with the district. "We were able to gain the converged network we needed, while saving costs and retiring older, unreliable network devices."

The district's network resiliency is provided with Extreme Networks' Ethernet Automatic Protection Switching (EAPS) protocol, which provides sub50 millisecond service recovery across the network, allowing for continuous operation, even in the event that a fiber ring is cut or interrupted.

"EAPS was really important to our decision to go with Extreme Networks," said Blank. "When you rely on the infrastructure for everything from VoIP to the schools' public address systems, it has to be resilient. EAPS provides us with that assurance. The network supports voice, video, and data, and we can easily offset the cost of the solution with the collapsing of the three old infrastructures that we no longer need."

In addition to EAPS, Extreme Networks' ExtremeXOS(R) operating system, a highly available and modular software foundation for converged networks, raises the bar for availability, ensuring maximum uptime for Allegany County Public Schools.

"Nationally, K-12 school districts share a common goal of boosting what the network can support while simplifying it to reduce costs," said Harpreet Chadha, senior director of product management for Extreme Networks. "Allegany County Public Schools addressed these needs perfectly, readying themselves for the future with a resilient, high performance network infrastructure."

About 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 <http://www.extremenetworks.com>.

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