



School District Takes Control of Access

The North Clackamas School District (Oregon), a typical suburban district with about 17,000 pupils, needed to do something about their schools. Many of the existing buildings required repair or improvement. Growth in the district had forced administrators to install nearly three dozen temporary classrooms.

In 2006, district residents voted to spend \$230 million to renovate, upgrade, and expand their facilities. The project included money to consolidate and improve the district's intrusion and access control system. To manage their access control system, they chose the DMP Entré Access & Security Management System.

System Selection

The district already had security systems in many of their buildings. The planned system upgrade included replacement of the existing panels and adding card-based access control at all buildings.

"We began installing DMP panels in most of our buildings for security and intrusion about 10 years ago," explained Garry Kryzsak, a 25-year district employee. Kryzsak had spent most of his career working on capital projects, and currently works part-time as the Facility Director. His job includes responsibility for the district's security system.

Since they were installing DMP panels, Kryzsak would have preferred to go with a single-supplier approach and also used the DMP Entré access control software.

"We felt it was in the best interest of our taxpayers to have a single, common system for our entire school district," said Kryzsak. "We looked at DMP originally but, at the time, their access control package wouldn't allow us to make changes across the system. If we wanted to change a user's privileges

or a door schedule, we had to do it for each building. We needed an application that would enable us to program all of the schools at the same time."

Consequently, the district chose another supplier's access control software.

"We appreciate all the benefits we're seeing from the integrated DMP security and access control system. It's something we'd recommend to any school system."

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Facilities Director
North Clackamas Schools

Enter Entré Enterprise

"The functionality of the access control system chosen met their needs at the time, but didn't prove to be the right long-term solution," said Steve Butler, General Manager for Performance Systems Integration Corporation (PSIC), the company that provided the security and access control technology.

The security system upgrade was about half complete when Entré Enterprise became available. After

seeing what it could do, how it made total system integration and management possible, North Clackamas switched to Entré. In addition to enabling system-wide privilege changes, Entré also allowed the district to manage access control themselves.

"With the access control software we originally chose, the supplier really preferred to do the system management," Kryzsak recalled. "They would allow us to do it in house, but it wasn't their first choice. It would have required additional training and licensing that we didn't want to do. Entré made it easy to manage the system on our own."

"Entré was a more effective system for what we were trying to accomplish. It let us tie all of the buildings together and do security and access control with a single system."

Getting Comfortable with Their New System

With any new system, there's going to be a learning curve. With the new security and access system, that curve was surprisingly

gentle. "The only real stumbling block was a problem with people incorrectly making changes to the system," Evans recalled. "Staff members used to making changes to the panel via the DMP Remote Link™ panel management software continued to do that rather than making changes via Entré. That messed up the data a bit. Once they understood which changes should be made via RemoteLink and which via Entré, we had no more problems."

"With the previous security system, a few district employees were issued cards that they used to arm or disarm the alarm system in their building," Kryzsak said. "With the system upgrade, we added electronic door locks and card readers to the main doors at each building."

Many of the approximately 2,000 district employees were issued access cards that they use for access at the protected exterior doors. Community members who regularly use the facilities were also issued cards. "For example, we have a lot of freestanding gymnasiums," according to Kryzsak. "So we issue a card to someone managing a basketball league, but it only grants them access to that building and only during the programmed times when the group is permitted to be in the building."

Entré Enterprise Easy to Use

The Entré installation, in particular, went very well, something Kryzsak credits to the great support provided by Performance Systems combined with the ease of use of Entré. Steve Butler, General Manager at PSIC, said that bringing Entré on line was a painless process.

"Coming up to speed with Entré was very easy because the system is so intuitive. The main issues had to do with users of the previous access control system who had to adjust to Entré. Users who were new to the system were quickly able to learn how to use it."

With the new system, the district monitors security during normal working hours and hands off monitoring to a third-party Central Station at other times. All access control is handled by the district. "The big advantage of Entré was that it allowed us to bring the access control management in-house, which was one of the key things we wanted to accomplish," said Kryzsak.

"The district was glad to eliminate the headache of emailing access privilege and schedule changes to a third party," added Evans. "With Entré, they could just do the job themselves." District officials also liked the fact that they could remotely program any or all buildings.

"When we decided to go with the DMP alarm panels for security over 10 years ago," Kryzsak recalled, "one of the things we liked was the ability to remotely program them via RemoteLink™. That was a really nice, although we had to program each panel separately. With Entré, we can make system-wide changes."

Happy With the New System

Ted Evans, Manager of Client Outreach for PSIC, is personally pleased with Entré, and how it filled his customer's needs. "From my experience, it's a good way to go. It's a fairly easy system to get up and running, and it gives people the ability to control and manage their own access control systems." Garry Kryzsak is also pleased with how the access control system, and specifically Entré, are performing. "We are very happy with Entré. The access control system gives us the added security needed today to address the heightened concerns for student and staff safety. Each building has a lock down button that enables us to instantly secure the building. We can limit access during the school day to typically two doors that are unlocked, while the rest have card lock control."

Kryzsak says that the North Clackamas Schools "... appreciate all the benefits were seeing from an integrated security and access control system. It's something we'd recommend to any school system."



About Entré

Entré Access & Security Management System, used with DMP XR500 Panels, gives users fast, simple, point-and-click control over every aspect of their access control or security system. All security management activities are combined in a single, high-functioning platform. As a network application it lets users see and manage facilities wherever they are located from anywhere the operator has an Internet connection.

Entré Enterprise

- Unlimited XR500 Series panels
- Includes 96 Doors of Access
- Expandable to Unlimited Doors of Access
- 10,000 Users per panel
- Expandable to Unlimited number of Users in database

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