



case study Sturgis Public Schools

Sturgis, Michigan

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Creating a Culture of Quality Data

Sturgis Public Schools was originally looking for a solution to streamline their data entry and get better control on the quality of their data. What they got was a whole lot more...

Janene Kosman, Technology Director, Sturgis Public Schools states, “Once we started working with the Level Data team, our departments became energized about what could be done. No one had ever really evaluated our internal processes (for data movement) across multiple departments. Once we started this, our departments began collaborating on how to share additional data and improve processes for data movement, rather than each process functioning independently. This has been very exciting.”

“Level Data saves our district Technology Department a tremendous amount of time. We give network accounts to approximately 300 students when they enter third grade. A process that took one to two weeks to complete, now happens in minutes. We now focus our attention on other important support needs for the district.”

“Level Data handles all of the data movement on a daily basis. New accounts are created, changes to accounts are automatically updated, food service balances are updated automatically throughout the day, all without manual intervention. Accounts for students who transfer out are automatically disabled, as well. We are already looking at additional applications to integrate into the Level Data solution.”

Through a series of meetings and interviews with key administrators, a new workflow emerged that streamlined the district’s data movement. The end result is a clean and efficient model to move data throughout multiple systems (SIS, Food Service, Finance, Time Card and Directory Structure) without user intervention. As part of this new model, many of the manual tasks, such as creating and disabling accounts for students and employees and year-end rollover, are now automated – saving time and reducing operator error. The system was thoughtfully designed to be scalable as more applications are added as the district’s needs evolve.