

# Millville Public Schools - A Vision for the Future

MILLVILLE, NEW JERSEY / 6,500 STUDENTS

Millville Public Schools (MPS), located in Cumberland County, New Jersey, wanted to improve parent and teacher communication, have access to reporting tools to make informed decisions and build schedules faster and more efficiently. With their existing student information system (SIS), Discovery, data export was cumbersome, reports could only be run by the SIS central office and scheduling took multiple hours to complete. MPS knew it was time to look for a vendor that could address their needs and offer a vision for the future. They found what they wanted with Infinite Campus.

# **Extensive Selection Process**

A selection committee of 14 MPS staff members representing a variety of roles was formed. Each member researched and selected vendors to bring in for full-day demos. After the demos were complete, the top three vendors were selected.

Next, the committee broke into separate groups to visit area schools that were currently using the selected vendors. A comprehensive list of questions were asked during the visits and sample documents of report cards, reports and letters were requested.

After a thorough evaluation and school visits, Infinite Campus was the overwhelming choice. The Parent Portal and Scheduling tool were a few of the features that impressed committee members and assured them that Infinite Campus was the best system for MPS.



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#### JoAnn Colacurcio

Supervisor of Instructional Technology Millville Public Schools

#### **Favorite Features**

Coming off a system that could not run reports and keep up with district needs, MPS values that Infinite Campus is a one-stop shop. All student data is centrally hosted in a single database that is convenient, efficient, and available to users in real time.

### Campus Scheduler

The Campus Scheduler provides course and staff planning tools, building tools, loading options and mass update tools.

According to JoAnne Colacuricio, MPS Supervisor of Instructional Technology, "The Scheduler has made it simpler to schedule students in secondary schools which provides more time for counselors to focus on other priorities within the department."

The Scheduler is designed from the ground-up to be an integral component of Infinite Campus SIS and allow MPS to build and load their schedules with unprecedented speed. They can compare scheduling numbers from previous years with multiple scenarios for the upcoming one to optimize district resources.

### **About Campus**

We are the largest American-owned student information system. Campus applications manage 6.5 million students in 42 states.

# Campus Ad Hoc Reporting

The integrated and specialized Ad Hoc reporting tool in Infinite Campus allows MPS to export custom reports. They can create static and dynamic lists of students and add functions to filters for optimal sorting. In addition, reports can be exported into various formats for stakeholder review.

Their previous vendor was a centralized SIS and almost all reporting and access had to be done at the central office. With Infinite Campus, individual schools have access and control, allowing for quick and efficient access to student data.

"Infinite Campus allows us to create the reports we need quickly and efficiently," indicated Colacuricio. "District data is available for sharing with administrators and presenting to the community and Board of Education."

## Campus Attendance

Infinite Campus has simplified the attendance process for MPS. They now have the ability to collect, report and communicate attendance with an easy-to-use module that manages attendance while keeping parents aware of their student's status. In addition, using Campus for attendance notifications has helped keep parents informed.

According to Colacuricio, "Having the ability to send absence reports via School Messenger on a daily basis has been invaluable."

# **Meeting District Goals**

Infinite Campus has helped MPS meet their objectives by improving communication between staff, students and parents. As New Jersey prepares to transition to online Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) testing, MPS has used Online Assessments to familiarize students with online testing.

Campus Online Assessments allows teachers to create test items, deliver assessments, auto-score them and generate reports on student performance without purchasing a separate LMS.

# **Local Service and Support**

Custom Computer Specialists, an Infinite Campus Channel Partner, provides the training, service and support for MPS, among other Campus customers in the northeastern states.

"We like the personal touch we receive from Custom Computer Specialists," said Janette Herbert, MPS Manager of Enterprise Systems. "They are like an extension of our department. We always get prompt answers to our questions and they know us on a personal basis."

Working with Custom has enabled MPS to take greater advantage of the functionality Infinite Campus provides.

# **Kudos to Campus!**

"We love Infinite Campus! We have recommended and demonstrated Infinite Campus to local schools and feel it is a reputable, well-known SIS that is used across the country," exclaimed Colacurcio.

Infinite Campus applies a forward-thinking approach to everything. More than 150 in-house developers work to add product functionality, respond to changing educational needs, and overall improve its comprehensive SIS.

"We would not hesitate to recommend Infinite Campus to anyone," stated Herbert.