

Denver Public Schools and Schoolnet share software implementation success

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Collaboration and flexibility ensure adoption of data-driven solutions

Denver Public Schools (DPS) needed a data-driven education software provider that could not only meet its unique technological and educational requirements, but that also had the resources and expertise to ensure adoption of a new system. It found that partner in Schoolnet – the proven solution provider with the experience required to accommodate all of the district’s needs.

First, Schoolnet conformed its solution to Denver’s technology. Specifically, the Schoolnet Instructional Management Suite (IMS) was flexible enough to seamlessly integrate and interoperate with teacher and administrator portals that DPS created. With DPS leveraging Microsoft Office SharePoint Server (MOSS) as its portal platform, Schoolnet’s MOSS integration capabilities made the partnership a natural fit. So, Schoolnet and DPS could work together to create an integrated solution that benefited everyone in the district.

Second, Schoolnet answered Denver’s challenge to provide easier data access for teachers. Megan A. Marquez, Performance Management Project Lead for the Educational Technology Team at DPS, says, “We wanted teachers to spend less time going to different systems and meshing together spreadsheets about their classes. Instead, we wanted them to be able to spend more time simply looking at their data and planning accordingly.” With the implementation of the IMS, teachers could finally access all their actionable data all in one place – and focus more of their time on creating differentiated instruction guided by the data.


Finally, Schoolnet worked closely with DPS to create its Turnaround Training Curriculum (part of the Schoolnet discovery process) to drive adoption of the IMS among teachers and administrators after implementation. The district leveraged Schoolnet’s training materials and developed documentation that was more contextualized for the things teachers need to know – such as, who are my students? How are they performing? What should I teach? And, When should I teach it?



Jeff Coe, Senior Education Solutions Manager for Schoolnet, says, "We spent a lot of time with Denver Public Schools, discussing its goals, what's worked well in the past for them, and what they could build upon. Our collaborative and high-level service ensured the turnaround training was engaging and directly relevant to them."

The strategic approach Denver and Schoolnet brought to implementation and training delivered a smooth, highly successful transition for all. And it's already proving itself. Tori Miller, 6th grade teacher at DPS' Harrington Elementary, says, "By having access to class trends and specific student strengths and weaknesses, I can more accurately plan for the needs of my students and focus more on those areas where my students are struggling. It also allows for more effective intervention grouping and planning, so I can really target the students that need some more attention."

Schoolnet had the flexibility to move with DPS' needs, the technology to fit within its unique requirements, and the collaboration and support to bring proven solutions to everyone in the district. And, as Tori Miller has found out, even more impressive results are still to come.

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