

EmployeeSafe Case Study

EmployeeSafe helped improve organizational efficiency and ensure compliance, while also relieving pressure on administration.

Championing the Use of Automation for School Safety Winnebago Community Unified School District #323

The Challenge

In Illinois, Regional Offices of Education (ROEs) provide a number of services to the districts they serve, including safety audits called technical assistance visits that look for evidence and documentation that districts are in compliance with district, state and federal mandates. Boone-Winnebago ROE (ROE #4) serves 12 districts, including Winnebago Community Unit School District (CUSD) #323.

When ROE #4 finished its technical assistance visit of Winnebago CUSD #323 in 2014, a major infraction the district was cited for was a lack of compliance with mandated safety trainings. Of the 30 mandated trainings, Winnebago CUSD #323 was only compliant with four.

The Solution

After the citation, Scott Bloomquist, superintendent of Winnebago CUSD #323, began looking for solutions to abate the issues. Prior to his current position, Bloomquist worked for a district that was using two separate vendors to deploy online staff training and then track completion and compliance with mandates. Bloomquist wanted to find a single solution for both tasks. After receiving information from PublicSchoolWORKS in Spring 2014, Bloomquist contacted several superintendents using the EmployeeSafe Suite to ask their opinions of its impact. The superintendents' first-hand testimonials led Winnebago CUSD #323, as well as Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative, the district's special education services provider, and Kinnikinnick CCSD #131, a neighboring school district, to implement EmployeeSafe. EmployeeSafe addressed not only the areas in which the district was cited, but it also addressed other needs such as managing compliance tasks, safety data sheets (SDS) and accident management.

The Benefits

EmployeeSafe's automatic deployment of online staff safety training and compliance tasks ensures staff completes their requirements at their convenience while meeting compliance deadlines. The online training process provides more flexibility for staff to take training at their leisure and allows schools to utilize valuable in-service training days for education-focused topics. The automation of the compliance tasks ensures completion of drills, safety meetings and inspections before the deadline, while providing appropriate recordkeeping of completed

District Overview

Schools:	4
Students:	1,574
Employees:	228

"Ease of use and hands-off are two phrases always used to describe technology, but once we implemented it, we knew PublicSchoolWORKS is everything it said it would be."

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compliance tasks without burdening administrators. Winnebago CUSD #323 also moved its employee accident reporting process online to improve documentation and recordkeeping. It also moved its SDS catalog online, eliminating the need for the binders.

The Results

Winnebago CUSD #323 was able to improve organizational efficiency, and ensure compliance while relieving pressure on administration.

“The roll-out went better than I was anticipating for both certified and noncertified staff,” said Bloomquist. “Even with the large number of teachers reporting for the first day of school, we were able to complete the first section of training quickly. The head of our food service department even reserved a computer lab for her staff so they could quickly knock out their required training.”

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