Student**Watch** Case Study

Amid budget cuts, Wayzata Public Schools increased student safety, streamlined reporting and avoided unnecessary risk and associated expenditures.

Putting Student Safety First
Wayzata Public Schools

The Challenge

District Overview

Schools:	11
Employees:	1,250
Students:	11,000

Wayzata Public Schools in Wayzata, MN is a large, suburban district. Due to being in a significant growth area, the district continues to build schools to keep up with the ever-increasing student population. Serving 3,400 students, Wayzata High School will be the largest high school in the state. With so many students on one campus, the district knew it would have to make risk management a priority. However, after the 2014-2015 school year, the district faced $3.2 million in state budget cuts – leaving the district stuck between wanting to implement new student safety programing and being required to justify the increased costs or scale back expenditures.

The Solution

"It is comprehensive, scalable and provides the same level of assurance regardless of district size."

Jim Westrum,
Executive Director,
Business and Finance,
Wayzata Public Schools

When Wayzata Public Schools created a list of processes in need of improvement, student accident reporting was first. Wayzata Public Schools' existing reporting process relied on the manual completion of an incident form, which was photocopied and then distributed to various parties. After distribution, there was not one repository to keep injury records, which created unnecessary risk. For example, if a student is hurt and the principal does not immediately see the paper form, parents may not be contacted immediately. The lack of a single place to reference records also leaves the health and safety coordinator unable to create a prevention plan because similar incidents may go unnoticed. To decide if the value of implementing new programming was worth the added expenditure, the district began a short pilot of StudentWatch's Student Accident Reporting System with district nurses.

The Benefits

The Student Accident Reporting System makes the reporting and investigating of student accidents much easier for all parties. As soon as an accident occurs, a staff member submits an online accident report. The system then automatically alerts the principal and other necessary staff via email to take action, thus ensuring the parents are contacted by the principal immediately. A central online incident library maintains the records – and the security of student injury information – so when the health and safety coordinator wants to see if a similar accident has previously occurred, a trend report can shed light on areas that may benefit from the implementation of prevention initiatives.

The Results

The nurses felt the reporting process was so intuitive that they were ready to submit and process reports – even though this was beyond the scope of the pilot. The school board and administration were so impressed with the system's automation and reliability in reducing risk that they chose to fully implement the system.

The Student Accident Reporting System helped accomplish three district goals. First, students are safer because incidents are reported quickly and the district can use centralized data to create prevention plans. Secondly, the reporting process is more efficient – which meets the district's "operational excellence" goal. Lastly, it helped the district avoid unnecessary risk and associated expenditures, which is required if the district wants to maintain the distinguished "AAA" bond rating it has held since 2008.

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