

Protection so effective and simple, students can manage their updates



**1,500
endpoints**

effectively
safeguarded



**Peace-of-mind
protection**

against ransomware
threats



**Simple
management**

that keeps student
and staff devices safe

Challenges

Located in Alden, New York, Alden Central School District consists of four schools that serve students from kindergarten through 12th grade. Technology is a big part of the teaching environment, and the District provides each of its students (and staff, of course) with a device to support their curriculum and learning. Not only are students issued their own device, but they must also be responsible for it. Including the big ones like not losing or breaking it, students must also maintain system updates and ensure the endpoint protection is running and keeping the device secure.

However, using Symantec to safeguard the devices from malware, ransomware, and other threats wasn't making the grade. "Symantec just wasn't cutting it. We were getting a lot of malware and unwanted files all the time. It was becoming a big concern, so we wanted a better solution," said Frank Rizzo, Director of Instructional and Information Technology and Chief Information Officer for Alden Central School District.

Overview

Customer:

Alden Central Schools

Industry:

Education

Displaced Product:

Symantec

Solution:

- Malwarebytes Endpoint Protection
- Malwarebytes Endpoint Protection for Servers



Inadequate threat detection was exposing student and staff devices to malware and other threats



Looming risk of a ransomware attack was becoming a growing concern



Missing visibility into endpoint protection made it impossible to proactively manage security issues



It's important to have a pulse on what's going on with our endpoint security protection. Without that, we'd be operating blind. As a cloud-based solution, Malwarebytes gives us that visibility. The data we get from the console gives us a lot of peace of mind.



- Frank Rizzo, Director of Instructional and Information Technology / CIO
Alden Central Schools

Reasons for choosing Malwarebytes

During the time Rizzo was searching for a new endpoint security solution, he heard the unfortunate news about a medical facility that had been hit by a ransomware attack. Undoubtedly, this put strong ransomware protection at the top of the District's requirements for a new vendor selection.

As fate would have it, Rizzo had the fortuitous opportunity to chat about the attack with an IT person from the medical facility. He learned an important data point: the ransomware attack was only successfully stopped on the machines that had Malwarebytes installed.

"Talking with someone who was in the trenches of remediating a ransomware attack and learning the only machines not impacted were those running Malwarebytes...you cannot pay for a better testimonial. That was a big endorsement for us to choose Malwarebytes," said Rizzo.



Powerful ransomware protection

that was validated for Rizzo by a "real world" use case



Strong brand reputation

with a trusted solution for the school's endpoint security needs



Simple cloud-based

solution that is easy for both the IT staff and students to maintain

How Malwarebytes Solved the Problem

Since rolling out Malwarebytes, Rizzo and the IT Team have gained peace of mind that the District's devices are protected. "We've seen Malwarebytes stop some really harmful stuff, and it has also proven its defenses against ransomware. It successfully stopped an attack on a user's device," said Rizzo. As a cloud-based solution, it's easy for the IT Team to see the security status for every device—even if students are using their device at home.

Beyond the powerful protection and simple management, the added bonus is that Malwarebytes is easy enough for the students to manage. "We want our students to have ownership of their own technology. They need to keep their machines up to date, run their Windows updates, and take care of the Malwarebytes updates. This is a life skill they need to know, and Malwarebytes makes that really easy for the students to learn and manage," said Rizzo.



Peace of mind that Malwarebytes provides strong protection against endpoint threats



Comprehensive visibility into the security status of student machines—whether the machines are on or off-campus



Ease of use with a simple solution that provides a great user experience for the IT Team, as well as the students

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