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Easy Access from Any Device Simplifies Distance Learning

Single Sign-On as a Fully-Managed Service Makes it Easy for Schools to Engage and Succeed

KALAMAZOO, MI – Learning and academic achievement have been moved well beyond the classroom walls. As the COVID-19 pandemic shuttered campuses at every level of education across the country, K-12 schools have been hit hardest, and are scrambling for a way for their staff and students to access their apps quickly and safely. With distance learning and remote classrooms being the new “normal” of the foreseeable future, districts need a solution that simplifies the path to access without breaking the bank.

Enter Easy Access, Level Data’s comprehensive single sign-on solution and the only platform available to K-12 districts as managed service from end-to-end. Using their expertise in managed software services that make it easy for school districts to focus more on the things that really matter, Level Data developed Easy Access to take the heavy burden of identity and access management (IAM) off the shoulders of district staff already stretched paper-thin trying to manage the technology needs of their schools.

Not counting faculty, support staff and administration personnel, the average K-12 school district in the United States boasts a population nearing 3,000, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. During ordinary times, managing the provisioning and access needs for several-thousand users is a large task. The quarantine lockdown has forced students and staff alike to explore new ways to engage through digital means, underscoring the need to overhaul the login process for schools in the process. What was previously an acceptable inconvenience has grown into a serious problem that technology administrators are sprinting to address.

“Teachers, students, parents, administrators...they’ve all been frustrated by complicated and confusing login processes for a long time.”, said Matt Betts, president of Level Data. “With remote-learning a reality for now and likely into the foreseeable future, those frustrations have been amplified. Schools need to know that there’s a service out there that is quick, secure, and affordable. That’s why we created Easy Access.”

Built on a foundation of industry standard security and automation protocols, Easy Access consolidates the identity and access controls of a district into a single pane of glass. By addressing access to the wide array of necessary applications, Easy Access streamlines the access, management and authentication processes that complicate and frustrate users at every level throughout a district’s organization.

Systems that simplify and streamline processes are inherently more secure - Easy Access is no different in that regard. By shrinking the path-to-access process and enabling a single password to enter the dashboard, Easy Access helps eliminate the risk posed by multiple passwords with varying degrees of complexity. Districts count on dozens of applications for engagement, success and productivity. Users who recycle passwords or don’t protect their login credentials like they should run the risk of exposing the district’s network to hacking or exploitation.

Easy Access is more than just a password locker, though - supported applications have their own unique credentials that allow a user to securely launch the programs they need from the dashboard using a single click! With encrypted protocols for each program, users don't have to remember dozens of passwords and district tech departments can breathe a little easier, too.

In the end, it's not about the features or technical nuts and bolts. Because Easy Access is fully-managed, districts don't need to worry about setting up the various certificates, permissions and configurations for the dozens of applications their diverse departments depend upon. All those needs are handled by Level Data, allowing districts to focus on what they do best - serving students and fostering academic outcomes.

"Making things as easy as possible for school districts is central to every service we offer, and a core part of the philosophy of Level Data. Launching Easy Access as a fully-managed service just made too much sense not to do", Betts continued. "Districts all over have lists of 100 high-priority items or more they're trying to make sense of. Giving them a single sign-on tool but leaving them to do all the heavy lifting of building connections and configurations makes an already difficult time that much more complicated. We've got no interest adding anything to the list of projects our customers are trying to tackle."

No matter who the user is - a student, parent, teacher or support staff - Easy Access puts the tools they need in one place, so they can be easily found and used. While districts are contemplating what the future holds for in-person instruction versus virtual classrooms, Easy Access allows schools to spend less time and frustration trying to log in. By creating a reliable and secure environment that decreases the distance to access and fosters engagement between schools and students, from any location and using any device, everyone saves time and the students have the tools they need to shine!

Learn more about Easy Access by visiting leveldata.com/easy-access.

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About Level Data: Founded in 2007 to address the frustrations schools felt in managing their data, Level Data has become a leader in managed-service software solutions for the K-12 education sector. We provide simple-to-use solutions for school districts of all sizes, allowing them to find confidence in quality data and effectively use the power of technology to lead with confidence and focus on what really matters - their students. Learn more at leveldata.com.