



Hamilton Southeastern Schools

District Switches to System that Solely Serves Education

Hamilton Southeastern Schools chooses education-based maintenance solution to scale with growing student body

Hamilton Southeastern Schools was using TMA Systems, but after a couple years, it no longer met their needs. "It was too cumbersome to use and many team members weren't comfortable with it," said Stephanie Schultz, Maintenance Coordinator with the district's Facilities Department. Shortly after Stephanie started, the department decided to make a change to a solution that solely served education. "Our old system served many industries outside of education; and we needed a maintenance management system which was geared more toward an educational environment. This was a driving factor in making a change," Stephanie said.

When the maintenance supervisor began the evaluation process for a new maintenance management solution, he was vaguely aware of SchoolDude from materials he received. After further research, the department realized SchoolDude would fit its needs. "SchoolDude is education-based and has a user group of our industry peers to pose questions to and share ideas," said Stephanie. SchoolDude's online education community helps Hamilton Southeastern Schools communicate with districts nearby and across the country. "During our evaluation process, the SchoolDude team was knowledgeable and addressed all our questions - we felt it would be a smooth transition," Stephanie added.

The Indiana district purchased SchoolDude's corrective maintenance solution using its allocated budget for a work order system. They also justified purchasing SchoolDude's preventive maintenance solution to the Business Office by showing the money savings possible with implementing and utilizing the solution for preventive maintenance schedules that maintains the building and equipment.

After instituting SchoolDude, the district operates more efficiently without increasing staff. "Our district's size has doubled since I started, but we are able to provide more efficiency while maintaining limited staff. Even though our team is small for the number of students we serve, SchoolDude's education-based system has allowed for the growth with no problems," said Stephanie. She uses SchoolDude's auto-generated Outstanding Work Order reports to help prioritize and re-allocate team resources if needed to complete these requests in a timely fashion.

With SchoolDude's preventive maintenance (PM) solution, the Business Office can better budget for upcoming repairs and replacements. "Before performing PM, we had deteriorating equipment and buildings that led to costly repairs. Now, we know our buildings are well-maintained and the Business Manager is able to project costs in the next 3 to 5 years based on our generated reports," Stephanie said.

"I would tell another district evaluating SchoolDude that it has helped with our departmental organization, tracking, and getting our PM program where it needed to be. I have also been very satisfied with the support from SchoolDude. Customer support from your vendor is a key factor to effectively run a maintenance management system."

Who they are

CLIENT: Hamilton Southeastern Schools

LOCATION: Fishers, IN

SIZE: 20,000 students

SchoolDude products used

MaintenanceDirect

PMDirect

Improves budgeting for upcoming repairs with preventive maintenance program