Albert School District gets a lesson in wireless security; Sophos Astaro Wireless Security provides simple management and reliable Internet access.
About the customer
The Albert Gallatin Area School District is a school district located in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. The student population at Albert Gallatin School District is 3,659 with 1,158 students attending AG High School. The high school houses ninth through twelfth grade students in modern, safe facilities.

The problem
Like many school districts the Albert Gallatin school district wanted to provide wireless Internet throughout the school buildings. They already had access points throughout the elementary schools but these products weren’t cost effective or reliable.

“Wireless is supposed to be simple, you set it up and it just works. But we all know in reality this is not always the case. With our old solution we would constantly lose connectivity and it was hard to manage our wireless,” said Chris Bolin, IT Director, Albert Gallatin Area School District.

A new solution
Bolin was looking to replace the district’s old solution when he heard about Sophos Astaro Wireless Security. He explained: “We use the Sophos Astaro Security Gateway for content filtering, spam control and anti-virus protection at all our schools. The product has been successful in protecting our network so when I heard Astaro was releasing a wireless security product the choice was a no brainer for me.”
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Success with Wireless Security
Since deploying the six Sophos Astaro Wireless Security access points at each elementary school in the district the schools have experienced consistent Internet access without any dropped coverage.

The Sophos Astaro Wireless Security access points were the perfect alternative for Bolin and the Albert Gallatin school district. “I was able to quickly set up the Sophos Astaro Wireless Security access points and now we always have connectivity. Astaro is the way to go for cost effective wireless security solution.”

Additionally, because the access points are managed through the Sophos Astaro Security Gateway rather than separately Bolin has saved “tons of time” managing the district’s wireless connectivity.

About Sophos Astaro Wireless Security

About Astaro
With over 60,000 installations worldwide, Astaro protects business, school, healthcare and government networks against IT security threats. Astaro combines the latest technologies in all-in-one solutions that are easy to deploy and manage. Distributed by a global network of certified partners, Astaro provides complete protection for headquarters, branch offices and data centers. Founded in 2000, Astaro, now a Sophos company, continues to be a leading vendor in the fast-growing market for unified threat management.

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