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Louisiana School Network Manager Encourages Hundreds to Get Secure with AVG Anti-Virus and Walling Data

Todd Meche's seven year experience with the popular AVG security product have made him a dedicated champion.

Hickory, NC – January 29th, **2009-** Todd Meche, network manager for St. Martin Parish School Board in St. Martinville, Louisiana, is happy to be a brand champion for AVG Anti-Virus. The Enterprise version of the software, AVG Network Edition, has made his job easier over the years, keeping the schools in his domain secure against viruses and other computer security threats. Meche estimates that, over the last seven years, he has encouraged hundreds of people to switch to the popular security product.

The story of how he came to be such a fan began in 2001, when he first joined the St. Martin Parish School Board.

"The school system was already using AVG Network Edition to protect more than 3,000 workstations across fourteen schools in the district," said Meche. "Everything was running smoothly, and no-one ever seemed to have any problems. In fact, I didn't know how good we had it until I was in a meeting at an administration conference and heard horror stories about other programs. Other network managers were telling me that the big name brands like McAfee and Norton were causing them major problems."

"Not only were they complaining about the amount of system resources these programs were hogging, slowing entire networks down, but they were also concerned by the sheer time it took to maintain them on a day-to-day basis."

"Many people were surprised that I wasn't joining in the chorus of complaints, so they all wanted to know what we were using. I was happy to tell them just how great AVG Network Edition has been."

In fact, as Meche reflected on the years he has trusted his networks' security to AVG Network Edition, he estimated that he's recommended to over two hundred people that they switch to the product.

More than 1,000 teachers and faculty work for St. Martin Parish and over the years, many have asked him what anti-virus products he recommends for their home computers. "Every time someone asks what to use to protect their home computers, I always recommend AVG Free Edition."

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"AVG Does Its Job So I Can Do Mine"

Since 2001, Meche has kept his AVG Network Edition installations upgraded to the latest versions to ensure the protection kept pace with the growing threats, and he's always been pleased with the results.

"We started out with AVG 6.0 and we kept upgrading whenever a new version became available," said Meche. "Now we're using the 8.0 edition. AVG just gets better and better with the release of each version."

He went on to explain that "AVG saves me time, because I don't ever have to go back and change anything with it. It manages itself. It doesn't have a lot of fancy options that no-one uses, and that's just fine with me. AVG does what matters – it does its job effectively so I can focus on mine."

A Great Product and a Great Supplier

Meche acknowledged that another reason he is a fan of AVG is because of Walling Data, the distributor from whom he purchases his AVG licenses.

<u>Walling Data</u> is the longest-standing and highest-volume distributor of AVG Technologies solutions in North America. Walling Data is also the only distributor to offer all its customers – resellers and end-users - free, unlimited, U.S.-based pre- and post-sales support.

Meche was impressed with that Free support offer, especially when it was coupled with generous educational discounts Walling Data offered on the purchase of the software.

"AVG is so easy to manage that I've have rarely needed tech support," said Meche. "But with thousands of workstations and more than a dozen sites, we've encountered a few issues here and there. All I had to do was pick up the phone and call Walling Data's tech support team. They're always polite, friendly, and easy to work with."

"When it comes time to renew our licenses, we always shop around, but we've never come across a supplier who'll give us a better deal than Walling Data."

Today, Meche is still eager to share his enthusiasm for AVG Anti-Virus and Walling Data, adding: "We have the best of both worlds. AVG is the most efficient and powerful security product out there, and Walling Data gives us great pricing and free support. What's not to like?"

For more information about how to purchase AVG Anti-Virus, with Walling Data's Unlimited US based support included at no cost, please visit <u>http://www.avgantivirus.com</u>



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About Walling Data

Founded in 1994, N.C.-based Walling Data is a value-added technology distributor of technology products for resellers, small businesses, and education and government institutions. Walling Data was the nation's first distributor of AVG security products and today is the highest-volume distributor for the product in North America, with more than 50,000 satisfied customers. Walling is also the only value-added distributor for Cymphonix Network Composer, an award-winning device that helps companies control and monitor users compliance with internet usage policies. Additionally, the company has recently become a distributor of CyberPatrol's parental control and business-grade web filtering solutions. Walling Data provides free, unlimited, U.S.-based phone and "we-do-it-for-you" remote support for all of its customers. For more information, visit www.wallingdata.com and www.avgantivirus.com

About AVG Technologies

AVG is a global security solutions leader protecting more than 80 million consumers and small business computer users in 167 countries from the ever-growing incidence of web threats, viruses, spam, cyber-scams and hackers on the Internet. Headquartered in Amsterdam, AVG has nearly two decades of experience in combating cyber crime and one of the most advanced laboratories for detecting, pre-empting and combating Web-borne threats from around the world. Its free online, downloadable software model allows entry-level users to gain basic anti-virus protection and then to easily and inexpensively upgrade to greater levels of safety and defense in both single and multi-user environments. More information is available at www.avg.com.

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