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Walling Data Protects California Private School with AVG Internet Security

School cites cost savings available through AVG's primary US Distributor as number one reason to switch from Norton AntiVirus

CLAREMONT, NC—June 5th, 2008— For the last seven years, Michael Restivo has acted as Technical Coordinator for Saint Phillip Neri, a private Catholic school in Alameda, California. The school has approximately 300 students from kindergarten through eighth grade, 12 teachers, and 21 workstations on a single network.

“With lots of young kids using the computers in the lab for research, there is Internet activity pretty much all day, every day,” Restivo said. “Protection against online threats from spyware, viruses and the like are definitely a priority for us.”

Since Restivo’s technical coordinator role is a volunteer one, he doesn’t have a lot of time to troubleshoot computer problems, especially those that can be easily avoided. When he first took the position, the school was securing the network and workstations with Norton AntiVirus. It didn’t take long for Restivo to get frustrated with the program’s weaknesses, not to mention the hefty cost of renewing the protection every year. He researched possible alternatives and found that AVG Anti-Virus was being widely recommended for educational environments as a low-impact, easy-to-use solution that was also cost-effective.

“I was immediately attracted to AVG because of the relatively low price point,” said Restivo. As a small private school, cost is always an issue – AVG appeared to be much more accessible cost-wise than some other well-known security solutions. So I downloaded a free trial version, put it through its paces, and liked what I saw.”

Restivo conducted thorough research on AVG distributors and decided to purchase from [Walling Data](#), a specialist in supplying the educational and non-profit sectors. The fact that Walling is also the country’s longest-standing distributor of AVG Technologies solutions and is the only distributor to offer all customers no-cost, unlimited, U.S.-based support as part of every sale gave Restivo further confidence that he’d made the right choice.

“Before I made my decision, I needed a measure of comfort in the product and the level of support that would be available,” Restivo said. “Having tested the software, I was happy with the level of protection and ease of use it would provide, and my research into suppliers confirmed that Walling would be able to support the installation even if I wasn’t able to put on my Tech Coordinator hat on any occasion!”

“The significant discounts Walling offers the education sector didn’t hurt, either.”



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Because Restivo can't always be on hand to oversee the network, he loves AVG's remote administration functions. Called AVG Admin, this power tool allows him to manage all the computers on the network from one central location.

"The remote management is ideal for me," said Restivo. "I wish all software could be automated and managed remotely as easily as AVG. It's proved to be a great investment, very reliable and requires less maintenance than other security products I've used. In fact, keeping our computers free of malware has been pretty much a hands-free operation."

Restivo said he is continuing to use AVG on his home computer, and would recommend it to friends and colleagues in a second.

"Of course, we've had potential threats," he said. "But AVG has caught and quarantined all of them, every single time, so nothing's ever gotten into the network and done damage."

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About Walling Data Systems

<http://www.avg-antivirus.net>

Founded in 1994, in North Carolina, Walling Data Systems is a value-added software distributor offering innovative high-value solutions to everyday computer security problems for corporate, education, and home technology users. Walling Data was named an Authorized AVG Distributor in 2004 and is the only source for unlimited toll free phone, remote support, education discounts, and more for their AVG customers in the United States, one reason why thousands of education customers choose Walling as their supplier of choice for AVG products.

About AVG

Founded in 1991 and with offices in the US, UK, and Czech Republic, AVG is a leading international developer of Internet threat protection solutions for consumers and SMBs. AVG is one of the fastest growing companies in the industry with more than 70 million active users around the world. The company employs some of the world's leading experts in Internet security, specifically in the areas of threat research, analysis and detection. AVG's award-winning products are distributed globally through resellers and over the Internet as well as via third parties through Software Developer's Kits (SDK).

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