

Extreme Academic Protection



LEOMINSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS turns to Syncsort's unique experience protecting data in Educational Services

Meeting the IT needs of Leominster Public Schools, with 1000 staff and 6200 students, is very time-consuming for its two IT administrators. When a recent district initiative occurred to upgrade and consolidate in order for the district to reduce costs and simplify administration, it was quickly apparent that the incumbent backup software would not meet the new data protection needs. The team had been forced to perform many data protection tasks manually; for example, locating archived emails took days, and they had no true Disaster Recovery solution. Several alternative solutions were reviewed, and Syncsort BEX was chosen due to experience in Educational Services.

By leveraging Syncsort's Zero-Impact Backup, Multi-Purpose Recovery Snapshots and Unified Platform, LPS chose to deploy some of the most advanced data protection capabilities available.

• **Centralized Management.** LPS was running point solutions with multiple interfaces and sought an easy to use, single interface. The BEX Policy Management Console proved to be robust, versatile, and straightforward.

“ Syncsort’s engineers were exceptional, very knowledgeable and easy to work with; we learned a lot during the installation. ”

— Bob Baron, Leominster Public Schools

• **Microsoft Exchange Protection.** It had taken 1 day to recover an email message for the superintendent. BEX provides single mailbox and message recovery in minutes.

• **Data Archiving.** BEX Archive allows LPS to (a) define a single policy setting retention periods for both disk and tape, (b) automatically migrate to tape once the disk retention expires and (c) restore seamlessly from disk or tape without having to worry where the snapshots are stored.

• **Disaster Recovery.** LPS will be using BEX for its newly implemented DR plan, with BEX Bare Metal Recovery, BEX Replication, and BEX Instant Availability. This will allow LPS operations to continue virtually uninterrupted.

With Syncsort BEX, Leominster Public Schools is well positioned to expand and centralize its data protection needs while getting back some valuable time to perform more strategic IT functions.

INDUSTRY

- Education

CHALLENGE

- Support a recent district initiative to upgrade and consolidate the servers deployed across the district
- Provide centralized management for all data protection, archive, and disaster recovery needs
- Provide rapid MS Exchange recovery

SOLUTION

- Implemented Syncsort BEX for data protection throughout the district

BUSINESS VALUE

- Supported district initiative, which reduced costs and simplified administration throughout district
- Assured business continuity in the event of a disaster
- Assured that the academic needs of 6200 students were satisfied

About Syncsort

Syncsort is a global software company that helps the world's most successful organizations rethink the economics of data. Syncsort provides extreme data performance and rapid time to value through easy to use data integration and data protection solutions. With over 12,000 deployments, Syncsort has transformed decision making and delivered more profitable results to thousands of customers worldwide.