



# **Integrity Technology Solutions' Huntley Illinois SIFA Success Story**

Consolidated School District 158 in Huntley, Illinois

Enrollment count: 8000

Number of buildings involved: 12

## **Problems:**

This district has rapid growth with an increase of nearly 1,000 students per year. Three new schools opened this year after two referendums narrowly passed a community vote. With volumes of data entry needed for not only incoming kindergartners, but also students new to the district, SIFA seemed to be a logical solution. The district also had a significant amount of data that lacked integrity. When a change took place in one location (software/department) it did not always change in the other areas of the district. This cost a tremendous amount of time in the verification processes. The district had done their homework and solicited vendors for solutions.

## **SIF Solutions:**

SIF solutions have been put in place connecting the applications below using a zone integration server as the featured center of the project. The SIF Connect Server product from Computer Power Solutions of Illinois (CPSI) was used. At the time of the initial data integration and project design, there was not a developed SIF agent available for the Center Point software. Integrity Technology Solutions provided Consolidated District 158 with the Universal Agent from CPSI which was used as the primary provider of data into the SIF zone.

Integrity Technology Solutions also served as the third party integration firm providing support for the installation and coordination of the vendor interaction in order to ease the burden of the school district staff. In doing so, valuable time was saved by the district in getting the system up and running and the ease of transition between old procedures and new was able to take place almost seamlessly.

Among the SIF Certified software products that the district has in place are Center Point student information system; WinSnap food service software & My Card student identification system (both from School-Link Technologies); VersaTrans transportation software; and Destiny library science software from Follett and Microsoft Active Directory.

## **Results:**

The school district has already seen tremendous time savings as a result of integrating these systems. Within a month of installation, one of the systems needed to be taken offline (out of the zone temporarily) in order to perform the necessary software upgrade to that particular software. During that time, that department's personnel shared their interest in having the system brought back into the zone because they had to go back to the previous year's procedures—which were more cumbersome and time consuming.