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SITES: 45 | STUDENTS: 27,000+ | GRADES: PREK-12

Rockford Public Schools (RPS), District 205, is one of the largest and most diverse school districts in Illinois. By any standard, a school district as large as this one is a highly complex organization. Not only must it provide academic excellence across many levels, it also must have highly streamlined resource management along with impeccable fiscal responsibility. To achieve these goals, RPS implemented Follett Destiny® Resource Manager.

NEED FOR ROBUST FUNCTIONALITY LEADS TO FOLLETT SOFTWARE

Rockford Public Schools realized its previous resource management program did not provide the robust functionality it required, especially with respect to textbook inventory. According to Steve Krysztopa, director of logistics and support services for Rockford Public Schools: "We were looking to have one system track all resources. After comparing various systems, three key elements helped in deciding which solution (Destiny Resource Manager) to go with. They were cost, integration, and functionality. For us, functionality was the tipping point."

RPS found that Destiny Resource Manager answered their complex needs. "Destiny Resource Manager offers superior chain of custody," Krysztopa said. "As we assign (check out) resources to students, we create the chain of custody record. This ability allows our district to proactively work on loss prevention."

ACCURATE TRACKING OF PHYSICAL ASSETS IS ESSENTIAL

Destiny Resource Manager has made it easy for this school district to inventory, distribute, track, and report on assets, thus saving the district money, reducing the loss of valuable physical assets, and helping make informed decisions about the purchase of new school equipment. "When we know where inventory is located, we can move unused resources from one school to another. Knowing what inventory is at each location reduces the need to purchase new to fill a need," Krysztopa said.

SMOOTH INTEGRATION WITH EXISTING SIS

Additionally, Rockford Public Schools completed an integration where Destiny transfers data to and from the district's Student Information System. This means Follett Destiny is up to date on student enrollment at all schools in the system, thus anticipating all needs. For example, ensuring that all the right textbooks – in the correct quantities – are available at all sites for the first day of school is not only a huge undertaking but a celebrated accomplishment.

ONE SYSTEM, NO MORE SPREADSHEETS

By using Destiny Resource Manager, Rockford Public Schools has moved away from using multiple systems and cumbersome spreadsheets for resource tracking. With the entire district on one system, data inaccuracies and differing user opinion are removed. Accuracy in education has never been more important, and to support students and teachers alike, any school district must run efficiently and effectively. Destiny Resource Manager has allowed Rockford Public Schools to be more efficient and accurate in the cataloging and deployment of all their fixed assets while saving much needed budget dollars.

