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Fast and Easier Purchasing Experiences for Berkeley County Schools

WVEIS INTEGRATED

Berkeley County Schools selects ESM to connect supplier community and transform purchasing

The West Virginia-based school district is deploying a new digital approach to supplier engagement, connectivity and fulfillment, using ESM's Purchase and Supplier solutions, integrated with the WVEIS ERP.

Berkeley County Schools, located in the eastern panhandle of West Virginia, serve over 20,000 K-12 students across 33 schools and is committed to providing limitless opportunities and multiple pathways to success for its students.

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Less steps. Save time.

To advance its vision and mission, the district needed to modernize its outdated, paper-based, and email-driven procurement processes, streamline purchasing operations, and connect seamlessly with key suppliers.

Berkeley County Schools chose to partner with ESM Solutions and is implementing ESM Purchase and ESM Supplier, integrated with the State's WVEIS ERP solution.

Berkeley County Schools' decision to join the ESM community includes the management of suppliers, a first across the 100+ schools already using ESM Purchase.

Streamlining Processes

Commenting on the decision to extend the scope to include supplier management, Bradley Sponaugle, Assistant Treasurer, comments "As well as transforming the ease for schools in accessing the goods and services they need to advance education, we also wanted to eliminate manual steps associated with supplier compliance."

Bradley continues "these additional steps create a burden on our administrative staff and carry risks to our processes through the manual handling of data. Reviewing these practices with ESM, we decided to streamline these steps as part of this project."

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Joining the Community

The District joins more than 100 other K-12 schools in five other districts across the State that have taken their own steps to modernize procurement and connect their teachers and staff to the resources they need to power education.

"As a result of other projects in West Virginia, ESM is already working with the critical suppliers that we use in our schools. We see a valuable opportunity to collaborate across our districts, uncovering new ways to enhance these important shared relationships. By improving efficiencies in our purchasing processes, strengthening connections with suppliers, and continuously seeking improvements in the services we provide to our frontline educators, we can deliver greater value," shares Bradley.

Eliminating Paper-Based Procurement

Like many school districts across the State, Berkeley County Schools relied on paper-based, email-driven procurement. As a consequence, these manual processes often resulted in a lost or delayed purchase requests, frustrating staff and impacting responsiveness to teachers. The new ESM system eliminates paper forms, reduces manual work, and simplifies workflows for teachers and staff, providing a more frictionless path to purchasing.

And with WVEIS integration, purchase requests route through pre-set approval flows, and automatically generate purchase orders, helping Berkeley to ensure compliance with State requirements.

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Solving Integration Headaches

In addition to eliminating paper based activities, the new processes provide the District with greater visibility into purchase requests and orders, ensuing resources are directed to where they are most needed.

"ESM provides integration with Berkeley County Schools' WVEIS financial platform, allowing us to deploy more advanced procurement and supplier management tools. Currently our integration involves manual and cumbersome work. We are looking forward to the time savings that this automation will bring. As well as peace of mind towards our compliance obligations," explains Bradley.

"During discussions with Bradley and his team, it became clear that we needed to combine integration and process automation with a new approach to managing supplier's information," states Joshua Faith, Chief Executive Officer, ESM "we are excited by the vision the District has for both reducing compliance risk, and building their community of connected Schools and Suppliers," continues Joshua.

"ESM's Supplier Enablement team are excited too. District select vendors to work with their schools and to build sustainable value. This builds supply chains that really work for teachers in Virginia's rural communities and townships."

ESM Solutions is proud to support these modernization efforts by offering innovative, integrated solutions tailored to meet the evolving needs of school districts across West Virginia.

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To learn more about how ESM Purchase integrated with WVEIS or other K-12 ERP solutions can help your institution

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