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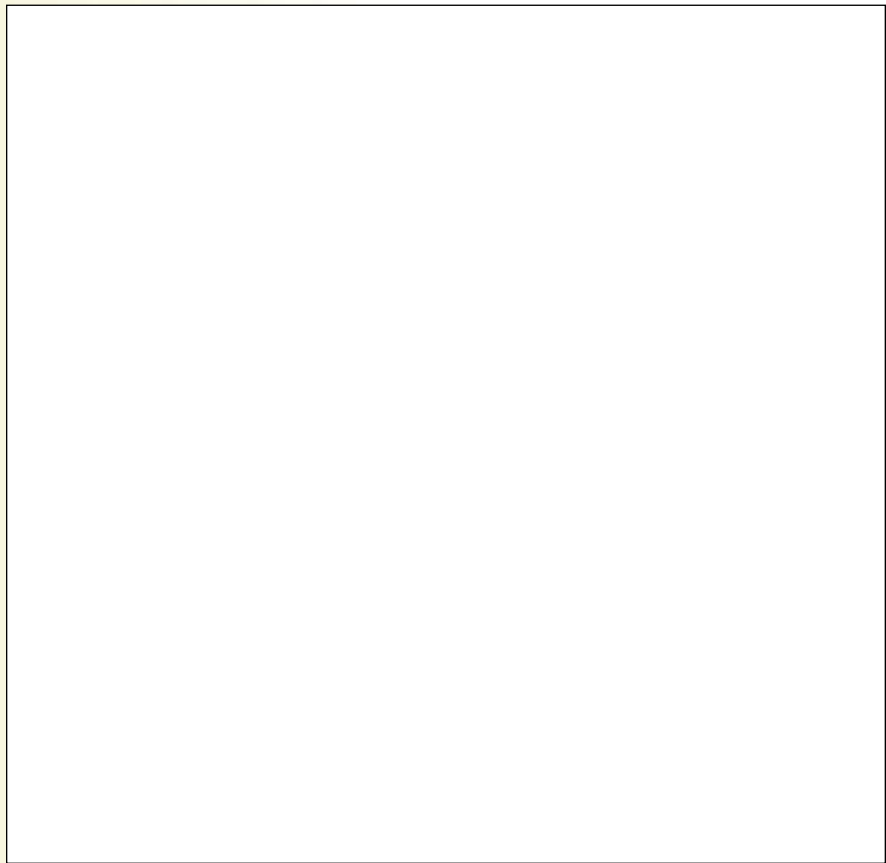
“The biggest challenge that we found is accountability on users and staffs, and maintaining integrity on keeping things locked,” states Rod Greene, Olympia District Maintenance Foreman. “They are always quick to unlock, but not so quick to put it back.”

In addition to staff and user accountability, Olympia was also experiencing issues in key control. The school discovered too many unauthorized key duplicates being distributed, particularly for the stadiums. With so many activities revolving around the school’s highly used stadiums, there was no efficient way to keep track of who has keys and who last accessed the gates. There were times when a gate to the stadium was left open and damage was done to the field, without knowing who to hold responsible for it.

The district began looking for a solution that would work with their issues, and didn’t find one until the fall of 2009, when staff from Olympia School District attended the WAMOA Annual Fall Conference and were introduced to the CyberLock smart key system of electronic locks and programmable keys. They saw the benefits from the system’s capabilities, and also compared it with other security systems.

Ultimately, Olympia chose the CyberLock system for affordability, a simple installation process, and audit trail capability. The CyberLock cylinder cores simply retrofit into existing mechanical locks, and install without wiring. Another factor that drew the school district to CyberLock was that the products are developed and manufactured in the Pacific Northwest.

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After the CyberLock padlocks were deployed, the school could finally control access to the stadium gates, and benefitted from its audit trail capability. The school administrators are now able to identify who and when a stadium gate was accessed during a damage assessment.

“Besides the accountability, I noticed the durability on the padlocks,” states Greene. “They can’t be cut! A couple of the padlocks got pretty good bites on them from bolt cutters but were not successfully cut through.”

Mike Workman, electrician for the school district, is involved in managing the software side of the new system. “I like the visual part of the matrix system within the management software,” he says. “Comparing it to other security system, they are much harder. It’s just a great feature with CyberLock when it is easier to see different level of access, and to view denied access in the audit report.”

To take another step of accountability, Workman also programmed the user keys to expire every quarter, encouraging staffs to re-authorize their keys and download all the audit trails stored in the keys.

“The audit trail is getting a lot of praises, especially from the supervisors. Supervisors are happy when they find out, ‘Okay, who left that gate open,’ so that’s the positive feedback we get.” said Workman.

With the new electronic locks system, the district also no longer have to re-core doors and re-key staff keys when one key is lost. The lost key can easily be disabled from the system.

As a preventive measure, CyberLock cam-lock style are installed on cash drop boxes in 18 different kitchens throughout the district. This way, the administrators can assign only a number of staff that have the authority to open these boxes, collect the money, and then deliver it to the central office.

Aside from administrators, teachers and other full-time staff, Olympia has provided CyberKey smart keys for those in the community who need access to the school facilities. The local fire department and law enforcement authorities are provided a master key so that they can have full access to the district facilities if an incident arises. Others who need a temporary access to the stadium or other facilities can be issued a smart key for a specific day and time. To complement the new system, security cameras were installed.

Currently, the district deploys the new system in the most need areas as a starting phase. They plan to expand their system to the whole district when budget allows. To sum up the whole CyberLock experience, Greene says that the new system “is doing

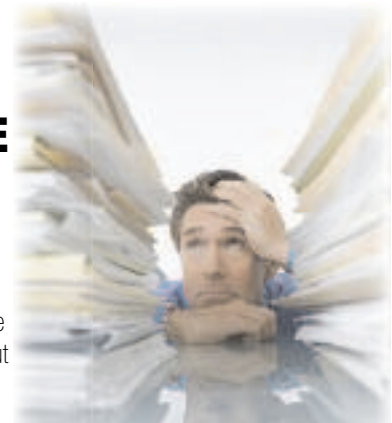
what we were after it to do at this point, and it’s working as we expected.”

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