Helping Teachers Shape Future Generations Using Safety iPass

The Challenge

Santa Barbara Unified School District never quite transitioned to full hybrid learning during the COVID pandemic. Like most California schools, they went completely virtual from March through the end of the year. Still, when the new year started, they opened back up with small cohorts—modules of students coming back for specific purposes. As a result, the process of coordinating schedules for social distancing and contact tracing became complicated due to their student information system (SIS).

It required a very hands-on approach to keeping all 15,000 students safe.

The Solution

The district tried to manage everything with a Google Doc, "and [it] was OK for a while, but definitely has its limitations." They've been encouraging individual sites to make the switch to CrisisGo's Safety iPass. "It'll be so much easier for you to maintain."

Safety iPass works with all its stakeholders. The staff has an easy questionnaire to fill out each day. Parents receive an email each morning with a reminder to fill out the health survey for their child. Students can then easily show their access badge certifying that they are healthy as a printed badge or on the Safe2SpeakUP app added to every school-provided device.

Many parents in the Santa Barbara district don't regularly check their emails, so the school has encouraged parents to download the CrisisGo app and complete the daily survey.

"Now that we can use the CrisisGo app for parents to certify their kids, that will be a game-changer."

The Results

The most significant benefit of Safety iPass has been for teachers.

"[Safety iPass] gives teachers a sense of security, knowing that we have safeguards in place, that we have that somebody screening…before they arrive on campus…It frees up the teachers to focus on social-emotional well-being and academic learning."

It's also made screening and response faster and easier for administrators. "[We save] administrator time when they're able to scan the dashboard very quickly and get a feel for what's happening on their campuses, and then they can target their responses appropriately…instead of scrolling through line after line on a Google form."

When the district does have a case, administrators know about it right away: "It's been helpful for us to follow up with those cases promptly.

Customer Profile

Santa Barbara Unified
Every child, every chance, every day.

Santa Barbara Unified School District is the primary public school district in California serving Santa Barbara and Goleta. With nearly 15,000 students, 75% headed to college or university. Santa Barbara Unified School District provides every student with an iPad to support their academic success.

Industry: Pre K-12 Education
Region: Santa Barbara, CA
Total Buildings: 20
Total Students: 15,000
Total Staff: 1,500
Customer Since: 2019

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