Heritage Christian School:

Reduce Complexity & Increase Security

THE NEED FOR STREAMLINING SECURITY WAS REAL

Located on a beautiful 42-acre campus on the northeast side of Indianapolis, IN, Heritage Christian School is a private, Christian K-12 school serving approximately 1600 students. HCS has invested heavily in both security personnel and systems designed specifically to create a safe and secure environment for students, staff and families. In the spring of 2024, as part of his commitment to consistently evaluate policies, procedures, and personnel, Jim Hunt, Heritage Christian School's Safety and Security Manager was focused on ways to improve classroom security while reducing the number of different security systems his team was managing on a daily basis. **With an existing on-line electronic access control system for 30+ exterior doors, a brass key access control system for the majority of existing interior doors, and keypad/pin-code locks for classroom doors, both Jim and Nathan Beadle, Heritage's COO, knew they needed to streamline their approach to reduce complexity and increase security throughout their facilities.**

GETTING TO ONE SYSTEM WITH PROXESS

In April of 2024, Drew Everrett, founder of RightPath Security, a Proxess Service Center, reached out to the Heritage Team to discuss Proxess and Jim knew the timing was right. "Before Proxess we had keypad locks on all of our classroom doors. Teachers and staff were sharing codes with students and others, creating the need to weekly change PIN codes on locks by the security team," recalled Hunt. Worse yet, "Doors were getting propped open and left unlocked. A door left unlocked is a security issue for us," explained Mitch Duvall, Lead Patrol Officer and Security System Administrator. HCS started with a 6 Lock Proxess Trial through RightPath giving them the unique opportunity to test the Proxess system risk-free for 30 days. The first series of Proxess locks went on a variety of doors including classrooms and offices. **"Proxess and RightPath were always professional, spoke openly about the pros and cons, and showed up at every step of the process,"** recalled Katie Boling, Intermediate and Middle School Principal. Once Nathan, Jim, Mitch and the rest of the Heritage leadership team experienced the simplicity of the Proxess Digital Masterkey platform for their interior doors, they immediately began to consider bringing all of their existing electronic access control doors and interior doors into the Proxess system. Duvall explained, **"We wanted everything down to one system. And we needed key control after years of not knowing where out in the world our brass keys may be."**

PROXESS DELIVERS

With RightPath's help, Heritage decided to convert all of their existing online electronic access control doors to Proxess and install Proxess locks throughout the interior of the school buildings on campus. With the full Proxess system now in place, the impact is not only benefiting the security team. Teachers, staff and HCS leadership are experiencing the transformational power of Proxess as well. **"With Proxess we now know who and when someone is going into a room which is really important to us from a security perspective. We had a situation in a classroom where I needed to know access details due to an event, and now the security team can tell me exactly who accessed the room and when,"** Boiling said. Additionally, the Proxess system allows the HCS staff the option of using a secure physical credential or their mobile phone for access to every Proxess door. Boling explained further, "The option of using your card or your phone is a great benefit for our teachers and staff because they get to choose which credential they prefer to use."

IMPLEMENTING COMPREHENSIVE LOCKDOWN

With both "at the lock" lockdown and vicinity lockdown via a mobile device available from the secure side of the classroom on every Proxess lock, Proxess has revolutionized the way the HCS Security Team thinks about a campus-wide lockdown. **"Now with Proxess managing all of our online, exterior doors including our main gate access under one system, we now are able to lock everything down at once while running our lockdown drills,"** said Duval. Hunt continued, "With this never before, new Proxess lockdown capability, we are now reviewing and updating our procedures to ensure teachers and students outside during a lockdown drill have a way to get to safety as well."

Proxess

Electronic Access Control
Functionality for ALL Doors

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End-users face a dilemma when choosing how to handle the locking hardware and access control doors in their facility. Key control is almost impossible to maintain due to lost, stolen and duplicated keys. However, controlling more than a few doors with traditional/legacy electronic access control systems, at thousands per door, is simply not feasible for most budgets.

What if you could provide the security of an electronic access control system for about the same price as most Grade 1 locks? That is what a Proxess system provides.

Here's how it works...

Typical electronic access control doors require many expensive and labor-intensive parts. Proxess simplifies these challenges centered around a family of wireless intelligent locking hardware.

As the foundation for a Smart Locking System, our all-in-one electronic locksets include a monitored emergency key bypass and provide local lockdown for each door. All the standard security components are integrated, including:

- High security card reader
- Electronic lock
- Door position notification
- Request to exit detector and switch

Further, the lock installs in a standard cylindrical door prep in minutes (mortise, three added 5/8" holes) so there are no unsightly holes to drill in the door. Imagine the time and labor costs saved when compared to traditional electronic access control systems. And, this is not just a typical smart lock. Proxess' unique system architecture provides users the choice to:

Connect by BLE at each door

Bluetooth Smart to Proxess Sync - Uploads Audits & Events

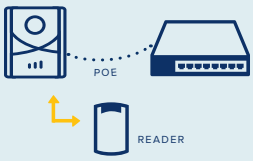
Automatically deliver transactions to the software using our Network-on-Card technology

Card Use Audits & Lock Events Written to Credentials

Connect On-Demand by adding BLE bridges

Bluetooth Smart to Bridge with Audits, Alarms & Updates

Connect on-line, in real-time through PoE and WiFi



Online, Real-time Doors