

The Situation

Bloomer School District in Wisconsin is an average-sized district—but it’s growing. Mix a growing school district with aged and unreliable SAN infrastructure, and you have yourself a recipe for disaster. With a staff of 2 managing the entire 1,400 end-user population, there was definitely a missing ingredient. Students needed solid network access and a place to store their work; teachers needed the same and more. After a complete system shutdown—including wireless and file servers—it became clear a new IT solution was needed.

The Problem

- SAN infrastructure was aged and unreliable—**hardware was no longer even supported**
- Team of 2 was in charge of everything IT—a **challenging task with 1,400 end users**
- A complete system blackout **showed the priority of these upgrades**

Nutanix to the Rescue

Reasons **Bloomer School District** chose *Nutanix*:

- Subscription costs weren’t ideal—*Nutanix’s* **license-free option was very attractive**
- *Nutanix* offered the **most mature full-stack solution available on the market**
- *Nutanix* disaster recovery provided **flexible and reliable failover** on the virtual machine level

The Impact

- 75% reduction in data center space—**12 racks have been reduced to 4**
- With deduplication, software is **lightning fast for students** without need for additional storage
- The file-level restoration was a **welcomed addition to their menu**

It’s the goal of every educator to ensure the success of the students in their care. In this age, a lack of IT reliability is more of a hurdle than ever before. A hyperconverged solution means doing more with less—a powerful ally for a small team. With a smaller footprint, less admin burden, and DR now on the horizon, IT is finally ready to support a district that’s growing as fast as its ambitions.

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*The **School District of Bloomer** serves rural, residential, and farm communities across the Chippewa and Dunn County area. The community has three major public schools and several small private schools.*

NUTANIX™

Supporting 1,400 End Users with a Staff of 2 at Bloomer School District

upshot

*When I looked across the market to see the extent of what everyone was offering, **Nutanix** rose to the top in every area that was important.*

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For my small team, our new hyperconverged infrastructure means we can do more with less.

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