



# Big Walnut Local Schools Increases Open House Attendance Using CommunitySafe System

## Client Overview

Big Walnut Local Schools is located in Galena, Ohio. There are 2,900 students enrolled in the district's three elementary schools, one middle school and one high school.

Located approximately 20 miles north of Columbus, Big Walnut Schools has been steadily increasing its population in recent years.

## District Specifics

Teachers in Big Walnut Schools boast an average of 14 years experience. 100% of the teachers have earned a Bachelor's degree and 49% have earned a Master's degree or higher. There is a 95% attendance rate among students. The average student to teacher ratio in the district is 16:1. For more information visit [www.bigwalnut.k12.oh.us](http://www.bigwalnut.k12.oh.us)

Big Walnut Local Schools, located in Galena, Ohio adopted the CommunitySafe emergency and informational notification system in September 2007. Initially they had hoped to use CommunitySafe for emergency situations, school closings and delays. Recently, however, they've found many unanticipated uses of the system.

To open the school year, officials used CommunitySafe to notify high school parents of an upcoming open house. Attendance at the event was much greater than originally expected, and soon, parents began to comment.

"Our parents love this system and the feeling of being connected to what is going on at their children's school," says Director of Technology, Wayne Thompson. Thompson continued, "CommunitySafe distinguishes itself from similar products because of its personalized 24-7 customer service, ongoing support and affordable price."

With 2,900 students in the district, CommunitySafe enables parents and students to receive information in a timely and professional manner from the voice of authority. This school year, CommunitySafe has been used by Big Walnut Schools to inform families of fog delays and other weather-related issues. CommunitySafe has also been used by school administrators to disperse informational health notifications.

Big Walnut Schools plans to increase how and when CommunitySafe is used. In the future, the district hopes to implement CommunitySafe into every sphere of the district including extracurricular activities, absentee notification and maintaining the school's database.

"The results have been extraordinary thus far, and we continue to be impressed with CommunitySafe and all it can do. It has simplified day-to-day activities and has exceeded our expectations!"

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