



## School District Seeking Assistance for its Multi-Million Dollar Construction Project and Mandatory School Services

### BACKGROUND

A school district that includes 7,000 students and nearly 1,000 staff nestled in the heart of the Midwest. With nearly 20 campuses the school district is widely known for going above and beyond for its students with advanced learning programs and activities unique to the district. At least half of the buildings at each campus were built at least a generation ago, a result of a slow but steady increase in student population.

### SITUATION ANALYSIS

The school district was embarking on one of the largest construction projects in its history in order to accommodate a significant increase in student enrollment. The construction of a new middle school, the renovations of 9 schools including elementary schools, middle schools and a high school, as well as the addition of several new facilities meant the school district would need to assign between 1 to 2 full-time employees from within the construction and planning departments to manage the flow of paperwork.

As a result of the influx of students, the district was facing growing pains. More students equaled more costs for things like janitorial services, food service, IT and transportation. Realizing the sizeable costs and additional manpower needed to handle the payments, coordination and paperwork for its ambitious construction projects and contracting services the school district began to look for an automated solution.

### SEARCHING FOR A SOLUTION

The school district had already secured funding for its construction projects and contracting services so when they were approached by representatives of ezNetPay they were able to witness firsthand how much money they would save. After several demonstrations that showcased how the eznetpay® platform can significantly minimize costs while modernizing the payment process for the school district's services and construction projects, an agreement was inked.

By implementing eznetpay® the school district was able to accomplish the following:

1. Automate the collection and central storage of documentation
2. Automate the approval process
3. Automate the lien waiver procurement process
4. Automate the Materials Stored Procedures
5. Automate and electronically track Retainage
6. Archive and retain, in a paperless environment, all documentation for all projects put on the system
7. Improve tracking of all work/documentation by having all information in a centralized location
8. Allow for easier internal and external auditing by maintaining all information in a centralized location.

### RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Once eznetpay® was deployed the school district was able to manage the payment process with in-house personnel in less time, so they could focus more time on their other primary responsibilities. After completing the roll-out and deployment of eznetpay®, the school district recorded a savings of 1.8%, which put money back into the school district's initiatives net of eznetpay® utilization costs. This savings was then applied to the purchase of new chairs and desks for one of the new schools constructed.

### REMARKS

"eznetpay® saved us enough money to put new desks in the school we just built."

-- *School District Executive Director of Business Services*

### INDUSTRY

- School District

### BUSINESS DRIVERS

- Reducing costs to manage payment process
- Meeting growing project demands within budget constraints
- Keeping construction projects on-time

### SOLUTION

- Cloud-based payment management platform, eznetpay®

### RESULTS

- Saved 1.8% of total contract costs (continued savings ongoing)
- Savings filled new school with new desks
- Redeployed one FTE