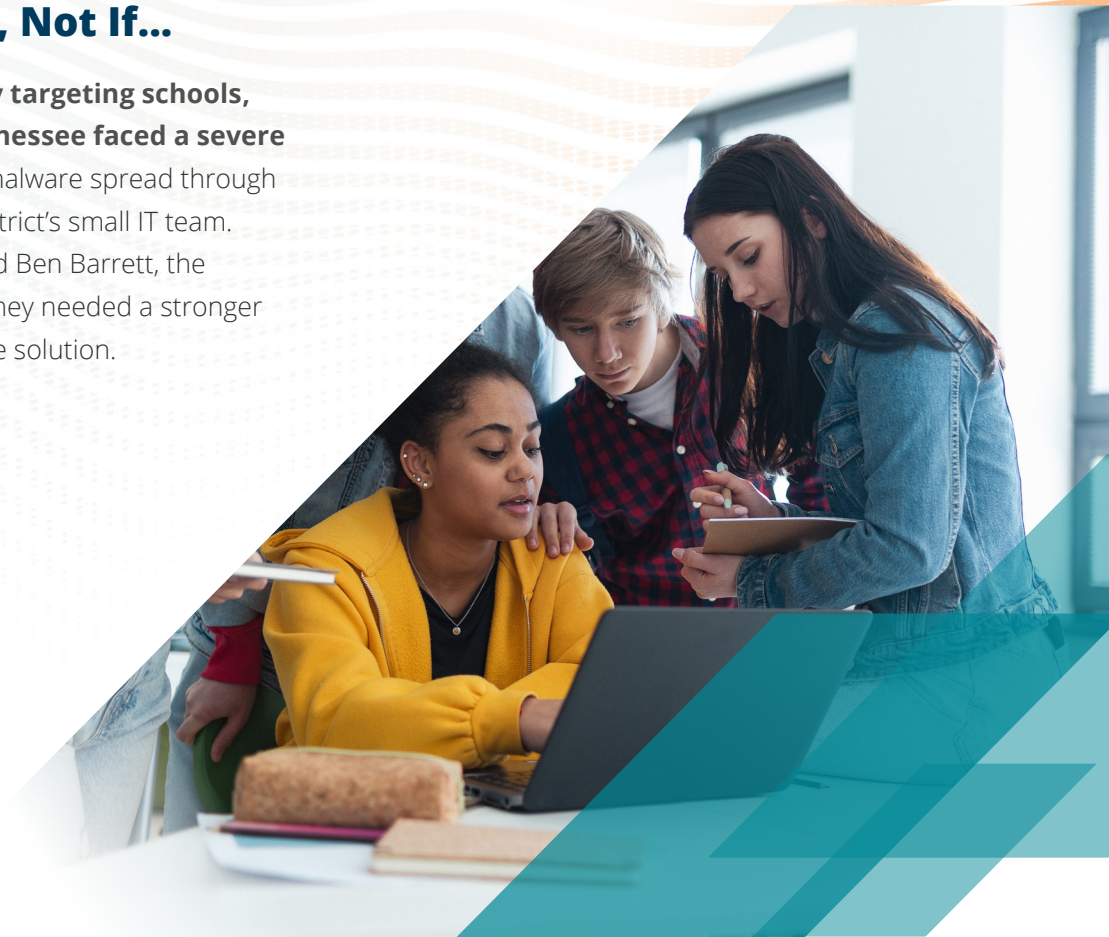Success Story

# How One School District Is Keeping Its Community Safe from Cyber Threats

## A Question of When, Not If...

**With cyberattacks increasingly targeting schools, Bedford County Schools in Tennessee faced a severe malware attack recently.** The malware spread through the network, overwhelming the district's small IT team. "Cleanup was a real challenge," said Ben Barrett, the Director of Technology. Realizing they needed a stronger defense, Barrett sought a proactive solution.

## A Secure Defense Tailored for Education

Barrett needed a system that could protect student data and work seamlessly with the district's existing virus detection software, like Malwarebytes and Windows Defender. He found the answer in Zayo Education's Managed Firewall, which offered comprehensive protection while maintaining compatibility with the school's current systems.

"I was looking for a solution that would allow us full visibility into our network while maintaining control, and ENA [now Zayo Education] provided that," Barrett explained. The ability to integrate smoothly with their existing software made this solution particularly appealing.

Bedford County Schools successfully deployed Zayo Education's Managed Firewall districtwide, without any disruption to daily operations.

## Customized, Proactive Defense

Since implementing Zayo Education's Managed Firewall, Barrett and his team have been able to customize their reporting, helping them stay proactive in monitoring potential threats. "We asked ENA [now Zayo Education] to adjust when we received reporting, and they made the change immediately, helping us focus our time and attention where it's needed most," Barrett shared.

This customization allowed Bedford County Schools to shift from reacting to issues to preventing them before they spread, all while maintaining seamless integration with existing security software.

"I would recommend ENA [now Zayo Education]'s Managed Firewall to any district that needs to ensure the safety of its students and protect its data," Barrett concluded.

**Zayo Education's Managed Firewall helps schools proactively defend their networks, ensuring continuous learning and security. Learn more about Zayo Education**

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