



Customer

Pace School

Authorized Reseller

Vertical Solutions an
R.L. Nelson & Associates
Company

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Profile

Location

Pittsburgh, PA

Type of Entity

Approved Private
School

Number of Locations

One

Number of Employees

130

Pace School Streamlines Purchasing with Microsoft Dynamics GP and Business Portal 3.0

Pace School

Pace School is a placement option for school districts in Allegheny and surrounding counties that serves kids, K-9, with emotional challenges or Autism. Licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the State Board of Private Academic Schools, Pace School is one of 34 **Approved Private Schools** (APS) in Pennsylvania. APS special education programs were established by statute in 1961 to serve children with the most severe disabilities. Pace School is licensed to serve students educationally diagnosed in one of three areas: **Emotional Disturbance, Autism and Pervasive Developmental Delay**. Each student at Pace School also has one to four mental health diagnoses.

The Challenge

Pace School's Mission is "To provide educational and therapeutic services that enable any child to thrive". Unfortunately, as the school has grown it began to feel like the mission was shuffling and organizing paperwork. Jim Mele, Chief Financial Officer was looking for a way to reduce the manual effort involved entering, routing and approving requisitions and purchase orders. Jim also wanted to continue to capitalize on the investment they have made in the Microsoft Dynamics GP Financial and Human Resource Management solutions.

Jim understood that the system needed to be easy to use and accessible through a portal to ensure it's use by others in the organization. "The staff is dedicated to the children, our goal was to reduce the time, effort and expense associated with the purchasing process so they can spend more time with those students."

The Solution

Microsoft Dynamics GP and Business Portal have provided Pace with a seamless solution, managing everything from requisition entry, electronic approval routing, approval hierarchies and a direct integration with Dynamics GP purchasing functions. Pace staff members can create, review, approve and route requisition entirely through their web browser.

The portal solution provides Pace with powerful management tools allowing them to define user and role based approval rights, limits and routing. It also reduces the overhead associated with adding staff members to the system by providing administrative access via browser based management tools.