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SCHOOL'S IN SESSION



John Muir Charter Schools is a rather unique California Charter School that affords young people the opportunity to earn a high school diploma while working with California Conservation Corps, Local Conservation Corps, YouthBuild and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act sites around the state, doing exciting and valuable work for the community. All John Muir Charter School Sites are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Headquarters - Grass Valley, CA

Number of School Sites - 47

Number of Employees - 250

Software Configuration:

General Ledger

Accounts Payable

Accounts Receivable Reporting

Bank Reconciliation

Budget Management

Data Import/Export

Forms Designer

Purchase Order + Encumbrances

Payroll + Direct Deposit

Human Resources

Employee Web Services

John Muir Charter Schools was faced with finding a replacement to their existing financial accounting system that would address these issues:

- SACS (Standardized Account Code Structure) Compliance
- Consolidating data for STRS (State Teachers' Retirement System) and PERS (Public Employees' Retirement System) reporting
- Generating, updating and reporting on multiple budget versions
- Addressing the distinct challenges associated with school payroll processing
- Tracking employee/teacher certifications through an integrated HR system
- Automated employee web services time sheets for employees in disparate locations
- Allowing individual school sites to requisition supplies online
- A hosted cloud-based system that would minimize internal IT support requirements

John Muir Charter Schools reached a point in their organizational development where QuickBooks was no longer going to take their Charter to the next levels of success. Chief Financial Officer Rachael Navarrete stopped by NP Solutions' exhibitor booth at the Annual CCSA (California Charter School Association) Conference to learn more about the Abila MIP Fund Accounting™ system to make an initial determination as to the feasibility of replacing QuickBooks.

"I was very pleased with the way NP Solutions structured their software evaluation process, which helped us with our due diligence. After addressing every one of our current challenges in their MIP presentation it was obvious they had extensive experience working with Charter Schools and more obvious MIP was the right system for us moving forward." Rachael Navarrete, CFO

NP Solutions was able to demonstrate how Abila MIP Fund Accounting™ addresses SACS compliance out-of-the-box to handle Charter's unique COA schemas. The Budget Management module allows for an unlimited number of budgets versions and direct imports from spreadsheets, which eliminates a considerable amount of time in the course of a year. Whether organizations use the MIP Payroll module or an outside service to tackle the nuances of Charter School payroll processing, distributions are always allocated correctly. When the Payroll module is used in conjunction with Abila MIP Fund Accounting™ Human Resources, Employee Web Services and Benefit Enrollment organizations save time, save money and gain efficiencies with the built-in checks and balances. Reporting is always a challenge for Charters when cross-fiscal years and STRS AND PERS are involved. Abila MIP Fund Accounting™ generates cross-fiscal year reports at the press of a button and pulls all the necessary data to consolidate reports for STRS and PERS submission.

John Muir Charter Schools is also a consistent attendee at NP Solutions' Annual MIP User Conference for continuing education.

To learn more about John Muir Charter Schools' new way of learning please visit:

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To learn more about NP Solutions' product and services offerings or Abila MIP Fund Accounting™ please visit:

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