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Racine Unified School District (RUSD) is a 20,000-student school district located in southeast Wisconsin. The district uses OSSI for access control and camera integration at 35 buildings across 150 sq. mi.

OSSI helps RUSD monitor and control more than 400 doors, and connects with a Milestone video solution that supports 569 cameras. That platform also gives RUSD the ability to send real-time video to police vehicles via Wi-Fi.

When the police respond to an incident, officers can instantly stream video from the school's cameras. OSSI's integrated solution means personnel have total situational awareness, and can quickly respond to the incident.

Ryan Fournal, Systems and Operations Supervisor at RUSD, said that the OSSI security solution has "simplified things" for the district. Fournal, who oversees building automation and security, also uses the OSSI software to add users and update permissions.

The district's roughly 5,000 employees all have credentials with custom access permissions based on work hours, work location, and job requirements.

"The platform is very user-friendly," Fournal said. "With new employees or terminations, card access can be added or deactivated quickly."

In the future, RUSD may integrate the system with additional hardware that will allow them to respond to active shooter situations or lockdown events.

As school security trends demand increased preparedness for a variety of events, Fournal and his team depend on OSSI to keep students safe.