

# Whiteside School District #115

## Introduction

This case study of Whiteside School District #115 is based on a December 2020 survey of SonicWall NSA firewall customers by TechValidate, a 3rd-party research service.

“The SonicWall NSa Series has been a solid and good product for us. It just works, and includes the networking features I need.”  
—Justin Ballou, Director of Technology

## Challenges

The district had evaluated Fortinet and Palo Alto Networks solutions before ultimately selecting the SonicWall NSa series. They found low cost of ownership a determining factor in their decision. Ballou agrees that it provides the best security value.

## Use Case

In evaluating the SonicWall NSa next-generation firewall, the district sought to lower its total cost of ownership.

At the same time, Ballou wanted to consolidate security and networking features into a single solution.

“We just did a forklift change of our old to our new SonicWall,” says Ballou.

## Results

Ballou is very satisfied with the district’s NSa Series firewall. Since implementing their NSa solution, the district has seen improved overall system uptime and faster performance.

He states that SonicWall Deep Packet Inspection of Encrypted Traffic (DPI-SSL) has helped the district achieve these benefits.

Utilizing innovative deep learning technologies in the SonicWall Capture Cloud Platform, the NSa series delivers the automated real-time breach detection and prevention the school district needs.

### Organization Profile

Organization:  
**Whiteside School District #115**

Industry:  
**Educational Institution**

### About SonicWall

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