

Learning & Safety

Balancing education, security, and privacy on your district network

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Executive Vision

Balancing Learning & Safety with Web 2.0 in schools

Welcome to the first issue of School Network Advisor, the new monthly newsletter from Lightspeed Systems. We are excited to bring you news about important school networking issues and technologies!

It seems like talk about Web 2.0 technologies is everywhere you turn these days. From social networking to video sharing and blogging, Web 2.0 has transformed the Internet, and has the power to transform education.

On his [web site](#) Tim O'Reilly defines Web 2.0 as:

Web 2.0 is the business revolution in the computer industry caused by the move to the internet as platform, and an attempt to understand the rules for success on that new platform. Chief among those rules is this: Build applications that harness network effects to get better the more people use them.

By definition, Web 2.0 technologies are collaborative and social. They encourage discussion and sharing. All of these things make them well-suited to an active, rather than passive, learning environment. But while the use of Web 2.0 technologies in schools can enhance learning and help students develop essential 21st-century skills, concerns about safety, security, bandwidth, and more prevent many schools from utilizing these resources.

Lightspeed is committed to helping schools balance learning and safety in a Web 2.0 environment.

> Learn about the new [Educational Video Library](#) (part of Web Access Manager), which lets teachers safely share approved YouTube videos with students

> Check out the [Web 2.0 resources in the Lightspeed Wiki](#) for more information, including results from a recent survey on Web 2.0 in schools, a Tech & Learning webinar, blogs, and more.

Sincerely,
Joel Heinrichs, CEO, Lightspeed Systems

In Focus

New! Lightspeed Power Manager

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[Learn more about Power Manager](#)

[Download the new white paper, Automated Power Management](#)

Balancing Online Learning and Online Safety Sometimes the need to protect students from harmful content also limits the availability of valuable resources. Lightspeed understands the need to balance safety with learning. With innovative features like the new Educational Video Library in Web Access Manager, our solutions let you give students access to Web 2.0 sites like YouTube in a safe, risk-free way.

[Learn more about Web Access Manager](#)

[Learn more about the Educational Video Library](#)

Join Us at the Lightspeed Annual Conference The annual Lightspeed Training & Community Conference is the premier opportunity to become Lightspeed Certified, network with your peers, discover best practices and gain real-world advice, share your thoughts with Lightspeed Product Management, and more.

[Find out more about the conference and other training opportunities](#)

Sealing Up Proxies You've installed an Internet filter to protect students from inappropriate content. But smart students and sophisticated proxy tunnels can bypass your filter. Discover five ways Lightspeed helps you secure your network and enforce policies.

[Sealing Up Pesky Proxy Tunnels](#)

What You Need to Know about Email Archiving Managing the high volume of messaging data for easy retrieval is necessary on several levels: to comply with regulations, to respond to lawsuits, and to manage organizational knowledge. Discover how you can make this daunting process easy, efficient, effective, and affordable.

[Email Archiving: What's Required of K-12 Schools](#)

News

[Top 10 Web 2.0 Tools for Young Learners](#) – Find some of the best Web 2.0 sites and online resources for students.

[What Superintendents Need from Their CTOs](#) – Discover the keys to a successful CTO/superintendent relationship.

[The Evolution of Education: Empowering Learners To Think, Create, Share, and Do](#) – Read about how new technologies and communication mediums are evolving education.

[School Administrators Recognize Lightspeed Systems' Software as 'Best in Tech' for Security Management](#)

[Teachers Driving Web 2.0 Use in Schools Says National Research Survey](#)

[Lightspeed Systems Enhances Total Traffic Control Software to Enable Educators to Use Approved YouTube Videos for Instruction](#)

[Lightspeed Systems Power Manager Helps School Districts Save Energy Costs and Earth's Natural Resources](#)

Events

Join Lightspeed Systems at events and conferences across the country.

[NY State Association Computers and Technologies in Education](#)

5/18-5/19

Rye Brook, NY

[Hot Springs Technology Institute](#)

6/15-6/19
Hot Springs, AR

[Kentucky Society for Technology in Education](#)

6/17-6/19
Shepardville, KY

[Lightspeed Training and Community Conference](#)

6/15-6/19
Bakersfield, CA

[Technology in Education Colorado](#)

6/23-6/26
Copper Mountain, CO

[National Educational Computing Conference](#)

6/28-7/1
Washington D.C.

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