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Calhoun County Schools Launches Worry-Free, District-Wide Cloud Wi-Fi with ADTRAN

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ADTRAN managed Wi-Fi solution enables high-speed connectivity and ease-of-management for a 20,000-device BYOD initiative

HUNTSVILLE, Ala.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Apr. 20, 2015-- **ADTRAN®**, Inc., (NASDAQ:ADTN), today announced its partnership with Calhoun County Schools to efficiently deploy district-wide, high-speed Wi-Fi to support an aggressive Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program. This initiative is enabling teachers to incorporate new tools into their curriculum that will allow students in Calhoun County Schools to compete more effectively in today's data-driven economy. As part of its Enabling Communities, Connecting Lives program, ADTRAN is helping more than 9,300 students, teachers and administrators in Calhoun County create an environment that stimulates a passion for learning and provides an opportunity to reach maximum potential.

The **K-12** school district in Northeast Alabama leveraged ADTRAN **ProCloudSM** managed service to connect 16 schools, a technical career center, athletic fields and four administrative offices onto a single high-performance wireless network. Calhoun County Schools are significantly simplifying IT operations by offloading the management of the Wi-Fi network to create a strong foundation for its BYOD program and facilitate the use of iPads® and Apple® TVs in every classroom.

When launching its BYOD program, Calhoun County Schools required a Wi-Fi solution that could guarantee service turn-up across the district within a couple of weeks, yet provide reliable, high capacity connectivity. By adopting a managed service model, Calhoun County Schools met these goals while offloading critical network management functions to ADTRAN. The service is supported by ADTRAN's hosting infrastructure which provides 24/7



management, freeing Calhoun County Schools' internal IT staff to focus on other critical tasks.

"ADTRAN provided us with world-class support from start to finish, which allowed us to maximize our budget while accelerating the deployment of scalable, high-bandwidth Wi-Fi county-wide," said Jenel Travis, IT director for Calhoun County Schools. "Students are really excited about the high-speed connectivity and educational tech tools they can now leverage as a result of the new network."

"We are proud to collaborate and partner with ADTRAN as we continue to progress and drive innovation into Calhoun County Schools," said Joe Dyar, superintendent for Calhoun County Schools.

According to e.Republic, a research organization focused exclusively on **education and state and local government**, 78% of students and 83% of faculty and staff are already using personal devices on K-12 campus networks across the nation. That demand on the network combined with a growing number of Common Core and State Standards that require students to have familiarity with digital content can result in a challenging network environment for IT staff. Managed solutions like ADTRAN ProCloud service make it easier for these school systems to boost wireless network capacity while providing exceptional curriculum and education.

"Our commitment to providing innovative solutions that enable our customers to extend the value and capabilities of their network is especially critical in the education marketplace," said Todd Lattanzi, director of product management for ADTRAN's Enterprise Networks Division. "ADTRAN ProCloud service achieves this by providing an enterprise-class wireless network and around-the-clock management support for the school IT department. Our managed service model is optimal for any size campus or—as Calhoun County Schools illustrates—an entire district."

ADTRAN's **Enabling Communities, Connecting Lives** program showcases how innovative communication technologies are being used in communities across the country to support economic growth and development. Education plays a central role in this movement. ADTRAN's world-class Gigabit broadband, Wi-Fi, switching and Cloud service offerings are empowering administrators, teachers and students to create a dynamic environment that fosters a passion for learning.

About ADTRAN

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