



## Milton Hershey School

### CUSTOMER

Milton Hershey School began as a dream and vision shared by chocolate magnate Milton S. Hershey and his wife, Catherine. Unable to have children of their own, Milton and Catherine Hershey decided to use their wealth to create a home and a school for orphaned boys which opened in 1910. Today, the School is funded by a trust established by Mr. and Mrs. Hershey and is a cost-free, private, co-educational home and school for children from families of low income, limited resources, and social need. The School’s vision focuses on building character and providing children with the skills necessary to be successful in all aspects of life.

### CHALLENGES

Situated on nearly 10,000 acres, the Milton Hershey School needed to expand their current security to accommodate a growing campus in 2003. In addition to its educational facilities, the school also provides housing for the almost 1800 students. The student homes required central as well as local control over the network. Campus officials did not like the idea of staying with their current proprietary system which lacked the features they needed. The student homes needed to be secured not only to protect the students but also to alert houseparent to any students coming and going after hours. Milton Hershey School also wanted to add extensive CCTV and video recording to complete the security picture and wanted to tie this to the access control system. MHS primary goal was to provide life safety for staff and students as well as prevent theft, vandalism, etc.

### SOLUTION

Milton Hershey School had learned about Open Options through our Integration Partner, Intervid, and made the decision to go campus-wide with the DNA Fusion security management solution following a very successful trial installation at the Sunnybank student home. Although Milton Hershey really liked the non-proprietary Mercury Security control panels, they ultimately chose Open Options and Intervid because of the complete solution we were able to deliver. House parents are now able to arm/disarm and check status of the homes at any given time. Over the years Open Options has provided customization and added features to provide the school with all the functionality it required. The entire campus and all student homes are now centrally controlled with a tight integration to Intervid’s Cathexis Digital Video Recording system and over 600 cameras providing a comprehensive security solution.

## FAST FACTS

### Customer

Milton Hershey School

### Technology Partners

Open Options Access Control

Intervid

### Industry

Education

### Geography

Hershey, PA