



# REDUCING THE BURDENS OF GOVERNMENT

## Surry County Public Schools

*"Our direct connection to the MBC fiber network through our ISP is a game-changer for Surry County Public Schools. The transition process from the incumbent ISP to our current ISP was smooth and seamless. Once the transition was made, our bandwidth was increased and we were better able to provide our students with an education that will prepare them for the 21st century workforce. Teachers are constantly streaming video and have begun to use Podcasts on iPads to provide learning experiences for students, distance learning opportunities are available for high school students at our campus, and in the 2014-15 school year, Benchmark testing has begun to be administered on iPads. Never have we been more comfortable with administering testing online. All of this would not be possible without the wonderful support and dedication of our ISP and the availability of MBC fiber."*

- David Trombley, Director of Operations and Procurement,  
Surry County Public Schools

When **Surry County Public Schools** started using MBC fiber through one of MBC's customer ISPs in July of 2013, they saw their bandwidth increase by 110% and at a fraction of the cost of what they were paying previously. With this increased bandwidth, this school system is now able to offer online educational resources that they could not previously offer. The school system offers high school students distance learning opportunities through **John Tyler Community College** and the chance to learn Latin and Japanese through an online educational service provided by the Virginia Department of Education called **Virtual Virginia**. All administrators and teachers in Surry County have iPads for their use, and additionally, there are 120 iPads at each of the three schools for use by students in every grade, Pre-K through 12th. Recently, teachers have been able to create lessons via Podcasts for the students to watch on the iPads. The school system also participates in online testing, which has gone much smoother since they have been connected by MBC fiber. This year, they were even able to offer their Benchmark tests on the iPads that Surry has available to the students.