

Customer Case Study:
**Sedro-Woolley
School District,
Washington**

**School Transportation Department
Helps Convict Meth Lab Operator**

District Overview

Sedro-Woolley School District
Sedro-Woolley, Washington
~ 4800 students
~ 131 routes with an average of 25 stops
~ 50 buses
District size: 395 square miles
Students bused: 3,140 daily
Bus miles per year: 522,000

Alva Lissner, Transportation Director –
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Alva Lissner, Transportation Director, explaining her testimony, and how the district uses Transfinder.

“Unfortunately, we have a lot of methamphetamine labs in Washington State. If you are convicted of having a meth lab within 200 feet of a school bus stop in Washington, it automatically adds five years to the sentence”, explains Alva Lissner, Sedro-Woolley’s Transportation Director.

“Shortly after I started at Sedro-Woolley, local police were working on a meth lab case. They came to us for help determining if there was a bus stop close to the lab. We were able to use Transfinder to print out a map showing the location of the lab and all the school bus stops within 200 feet. The maps were used in court to show the stops in relation to the lab. In my court testimony, I explained the maps and how Transfinder works. The defense lawyer tried hard to discredit Transfinder; the software is solid - it held up well.”

“We were so happy to be able to help the police with Transfinder. It was easy to give them the information they needed.”

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Benefits

Sedro-Woolley School District has been using Transfinder's software since 2003. Portia Jauron, Transportation Assistant observes, "The transportation department has saved so much time looking for students due to Transfinder's database efficiency. We know that with a few clicks, the information we need is available."



Portia Jauron, Transportation Assistant, reviews how Transfinder has saved the district time.

Sedro-Woolley SD has also reduced labor costs. The school district used to pay drivers to help with state-required paperwork. Now they use Transfinder to compile the reports.

Alva Lissner, Transportation Director, explains, "Washington State requires that we report the latitude and longitude of all our bus stops. Transfinder customer support was very helpful helping me create and format the reports automatically using Excel. This has saved us a lot of time and money."



Alva continues, "The **cosmetic layers** are really nice for producing our state ridership report. I have to report all K-5 students who live in a one-mile radius of a school. Transfinder tells me how many live within the radius and their names and addresses. I print maps with dots, and file them as documentation. I save the cosmetic layer for every one of my elementary schools and store them in a folder."

"**Filters** are another great idea. The Help program is very good, and Customer Support is always there. I also like that **Trips** has the bus driver and bus stops in the dialog box."

"I started at Sedro-Woolley just as the district was beginning to use Transfinder. I had used other software previously, and I was skeptical. I am pleased to say that I have been won over. We have done a lot of word of mouth advertising to the districts around us because we like it. Transfinder is perfect for small and medium districts with less than 5000 students."



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