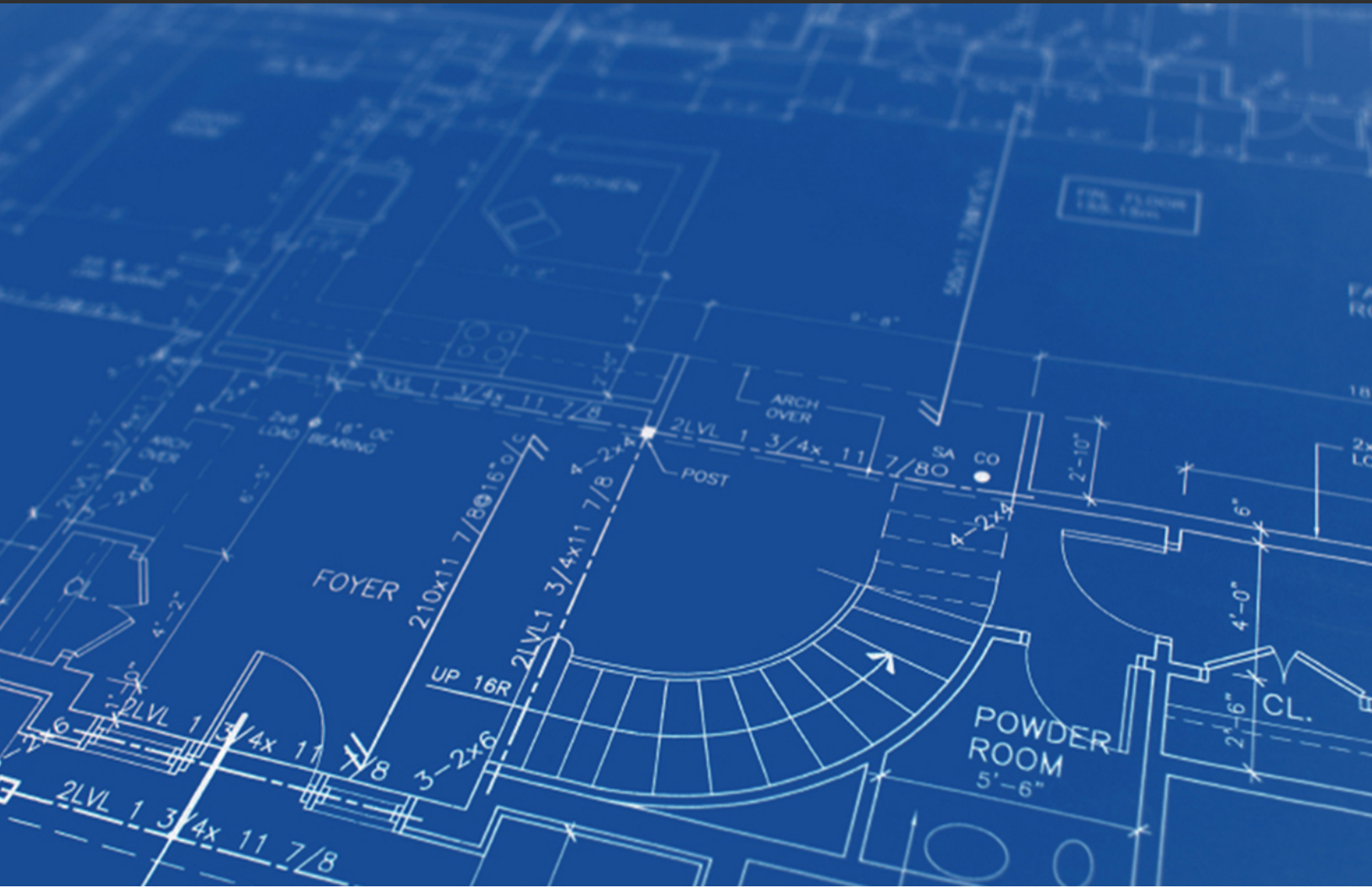


Technology Plan Success Story

Industry: Education
Organization Size: Mid-Market
Region: Chicago, IL
Customer: Argo Community High School



Read the story of how a strategic planning phase allowed Argo Community High School to gain a major return on investment.



The School's Challenge

Argo Community High School is committed to providing the best educational opportunities for its student body. Argo worked on a School Improvement Plan (2009-2013), a five year project, which would involve community feedback. Two areas highlighted for improvement were technology in the classroom and the communications systems. According to the School Improvement Plan, "Some of the technology and communications systems are quite obsolete based upon both age and functionality (Public Address System and Clock)." Argo needed to have a vendor that would provide the best technology solution within their specified budget.

Strategic Approach

Equilibrium's plan was to ascertain the real needs of the stakeholders. This prompted the Equilibrium team to conduct interview sessions to explore, understand, and capture key businesses goals. Equilibrium then deployed Systems Engineers to evaluate the overall health of Argo's computer systems. While examining the network, Equilibrium recommended the implementation of IP-based network security areas. Equilibrium then reviewed and documented, at a high level, of the attributes of the current-state computing environment. All of this information was then formally compiled within the Comprehensive Information Technology Assessment and the Technology Plan.

The Strategic approach that was designed for Argo:

- An **IT Business Plan (ITBP)** was co-developed with the stakeholders, which produced a 5 year strategic IT Plan for the school district. The IT Business Plan helped to identify, prioritize, and address technology needs which best utilize Argo's resources. A Comprehensive Information Technology Assessment of the organization's current-state network computing environment was also completed during the ITBP.
- A **Project Plan** was generated to outline a roadmap for implementing the recommendations made in the ITBP.

Results

Equilibrium's Technology Plan helped Argo's Management plan to:

- Minimize IT risks that could impact the school district.
- Reduce costs by understanding ways to get more out of current IT investments.
- Look at options to streamline operations and improve staff productivity.
- Understand budgetary product and labor costs related with the school district's possible future IT investments.

Conclusion

Equilibrium leverages its methodical approach across all industries including education. See how the Equilibrium can help your business, organization or school district have another Success Story just like Argo Community High School.

About Equilibrium

Founded in 2004, half of Equilibrium is dedicated to providing IT project consulting and the other half dedicated to providing IT services. Equilibrium specializes in IT strategy, security, cloud, datacenter upgrades and ongoing operations.

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