

CASE STUDY

How Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf enables property access with ButterflyMX

Meet Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf

Based on Long Island, Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf's mission is to cultivate each student's potential and inspire a love of learning through direct access to communication.

Since opening its doors in 1951, Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf has dedicated its services to providing an inclusive, accessible learning environment for Deaf and hard-of-hearing students. By valuing diverse learning styles, communication modalities, and the cultures of each individual, Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf aims to challenge and empower students to determine their own paths in life. As Superintendent at Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf, Dr. Bradley Porche knew he needed a way to address their property access challenges while also contributing to their mission of creating a supportive environment for all students.

The challenge

When Porche joined the team at Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf, he identified an accessibility challenge with the school's aging, audio-based intercom system. This outdated system was inaccessible to the majority of Mill Neck Manor's students and staff.

Porche and his team needed a property access control solution that would allow video-based communication to enhance accessibility for all students and staff — he found one in ButterflyMX. "First and foremost, we prioritize communication accessibility at Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf," explains Porche. "We believe that with the right tools, every student can realize their full potential. Our goal is to create an environment where Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals can thrive academically, socially, and professionally."



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Choosing a solution

Porche chose ButterflyMX because of its two-way video calling that makes American Sign Language communication possible for students and staff.

ButterflyMX enables Mill Neck community members who are Deaf and hard-of-hearing to visually identify and communicate with one another before granting property access.

“ButterflyMX was used at a campus for Deaf and hard-of-hearing students where I previously worked. Everyone there felt empowered to request access and communicate with visitors in a way that was comfortable for them. So, when I began working at Mill Neck and saw the current access control system, I knew ButterflyMX would be a better solution,” said Porche.



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The outcome

Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf successfully addressed their property access challenges by installing ButterflyMX's Video Intercom and Front Desk Station in May 2024.

The seamless installation process and the system's user-friendly interface have significantly improved property access at the school. ButterflyMX's video calling feature empowers students and staff at Mill Neck to communicate via American Sign Language, allowing every member of Mill Neck's campus, regardless of hearing ability, to easily use the school's property access control system.

“Since installing ButterflyMX, property access and security for our Deaf and hard-of-hearing students, staff, and visitors, has significantly improved,” Porche says. “And we've more closely aligned our access control system to our goal of creating an inclusive and accessible learning environment. The ButterflyMX system not only allows for accessible communication but provides a universal design that adapts to multiple needs. ButterflyMX offers that solution.”

