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20 MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL DISTRICTS BUY ASTARO SECURITY  
GATEWAYS IN Q1 2006

*Astaro Premier Partner Helps Schools Meet Internet Security Challenges*

BURLINGTON, MA, May 2, 2006 – Astaro Corporation today announced that CELT Corporation sold and installed a record twenty Astaro™ Security Gateways to school districts in Massachusetts during the first quarter of 2006. CELT, an Astaro Premium Partner, specializes in helping educational organizations achieve the best possible balance among accessibility, security and affordability. Astaro Security Gateways help educational institutions achieve Network Assurance by cleaning email, filtering content, protecting against phishing attacks and more, all in one easy to install and use appliance.

Founded in 1991 in Massachusetts as the Center for Education Leadership and Technology, CELT has served hundreds of school districts – including some of the largest in the country – and more than 30 state education agencies across the U.S.

“While we were evaluating Astaro as a possible solution for our customers, the director of information technology for the Randolph, Massachusetts, public schools also advised us to take a look at the product,” said Carole Schuster, vice president, CELT Corp. “Combined with our favorable evaluation, this recommendation told us we had a winner for public schools.”

CELT quickly settled on Astaro and Randolph public schools became the first customer to acquire Astaro from CELT. Since then, Schuster said, the Astaro Security Gateway “is winning opportunities like so many other leading products... by endorsements from a growing base of highly satisfied customers who want to spread the word about a superior, affordable product with excellent support.”

“Schools today are rightfully preoccupied by Internet and networking security issues,” Schuster adds. “They also have limited budgets and staff. The sophistication of the Astaro solution, its capability to prevent a wide variety of threats, and the elegant simplicity of its management interface appeal to schools. We also appreciate its ease of use since we also manage many of the systems remotely for our users.”

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“Always a leader in public education in America, Massachusetts continues to lead in public education by combining academic excellence and state-of-the-art technology,” said Alex Quinonez, vice president of channel sales at Astaro. “By selecting Astaro to safeguard children from Internet threats, twenty school districts in Massachusetts have ensured that they can safely continue to provide an appropriate technology environment for all students.”

The two most popular Astaro Security Gateway solutions in Massachusetts schools are the ASG 220 and 320. The Astaro Security Gateway 220 is designed to provide protection for small and medium-sized organizations and institutions. A built-in hard drive provides for quarantining of suspicious files and allows transaction logs to be stored locally. Its high reliability and excellent price-performance make it a perfect choice for organizations seeking complete, cost-effective perimeter security. The Astaro Security Gateway 320, designed for mid-sized organizations and divisions of large enterprises, offers all the features of a 220 but also features gigabit-speed network ports and excellent performance. The wide range of security features and exceptional ease of management of the Astaro Security Gateway 320 delivers world-class security with a low cost of ownership.

#### **About CELT**

Working with the vision, mission, and goals of educational organizations, CELT Corporation is a leading information technology architect and systems integration provider. Through its INTEGRITY division, it assists with the implementation of technology in support of contemporary educational reform initiatives through the development and implementation of technology-based products and services. Specifically, CELT Corporation supports the identification, procurement, implementation, training, and integration of information products and services and is one of the leading providers of research/planning services, systems integration programs, and Web-enabled decision support solutions. For more information, visit [www.celtdcorp.com](http://www.celtdcorp.com)

#### **About Astaro**

Astaro Security Gateways [www.astaro.com](http://www.astaro.com) control access to networks, guarantee availability and ensure compliance for businesses and enterprises worldwide, while reducing network administration costs. With Astaro Security Gateway, network administrators and designers achieve Network Assurance: functional, high-performance and safe business networks. Astaro Security Gateways have won numerous industry awards, and are protecting over 30,000 networks in 60 countries, including such companies as Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Los Alamos National Labs, Stanford University and Watsco, Inc. Astaro Security Gateways are ICSA Labs certified. Read Astaro’s blogs at [www.scraptureblog.com](http://www.scraptureblog.com) and [www.utmplanet.com](http://www.utmplanet.com). Privately held and based in Burlington, MA and Karlsruhe, Germany, the company’s products are distributed by a worldwide network of 450 solutions partners who offer local support and services.

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