

## **Astaro Supports Obama Plan for 21st Century Schools and Libraries**

Free security software and central/remote management for all educational organizations

**Wilmington, MA - March 05, 2009** – In response to President Obama's promise to modernize schools and provide Internet to all children, Astaro (<http://www.astaro.com>), a leading vendor of Internet security appliances, announced the "Surf Safe" promotion: all K-12 schools and libraries will receive an unlimited Astaro Security Gateway software license for free with the purchase of either a 3- or 5-year web or mail security subscription and maintenance agreement. Additionally, all schools and libraries will receive free Astaro Command Center software, which allows for central and remote management of all Security Gateways school- and district-wide.

In a nation-wide address this past December, then President Elect Obama promised to modernize and upgrade schools, providing computers and Internet access for every student. Obama stated, "Here, in the country that invented the Internet, every child should have a chance to get online. And they'll get that chance when I'm president because that's how we'll strengthen America's competitiveness in the world."

While President Obama wishes to see Internet access for every child, Astaro can make sure it is delivered safely and securely. The web gives students access to unlimited information, and content filtering and anti-spam are essential elements of a successful Internet experience. Additionally, many web-based applications, such as Instant Messaging and Peer-to-Peer programs, must be blocked or highly managed to ensure the best and most educationally productive access to Internet resources. Email is also a sensitive area for educational organizations, because privacy and confidentiality are critical, especially when student information is sent over the Internet.

Astaro Security Gateway's Web Filtering provides integrated URL filtering, malware detection, IM and P2P application control, and bandwidth optimization to completely secure and control web access. Additionally, the software provides perimeter security services, such as a firewall and intrusion protection, and Astaro's Email Filtering is also available to provide anti-virus, spam blocking, protection against phishing, and free email encryption.

Astaro Command Center enables the administration and real-time monitoring of multiple Astaro Security Gateway appliances deployed school- or district-wide, which means administrators can achieve the highest standards of vigilance and protection of their schools' security at all times and from all locations. Additionally, teachers that wish to protect their home networks with Astaro can download the Astaro Security Gateway software for free (<http://tinyurl.com/FreeAstaro>). The school network administrator can then manage it along with the rest of the Security Gateways from the Astaro Command Center.

Through the "Surf Safe" promotion, all K-12 schools and libraries are eligible to receive free Astaro Security Gateway software and an unlimited base license with the purchase of a 3- or 5-year web security or mail security subscription, as well as a maintenance subscription. Additionally, each educational organization will receive free Astaro Command Center software.

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"We are excited to be part of this monumental push to modernize the country's schools and provide children with the technology they need for a proper education," explains Jan Hichert, Astaro CEO. "President Obama's plan is a tremendous opportunity for American students, and we want to make sure that schools have the right resources in place to ensure smooth integration of new technology in the classroom."

This offer is available to customers in North America through June 20, 2009. For more information or to take advantage of the "Surf Safe" promotion, visit <http://tinyurl.com/SurfSafe>.

#### **About Astaro**

Astaro offers the most complete and easy to use Internet security appliances available. Combining best of breed applications, the proven quality of Linux and enterprise level performance, Astaro's award-winning products provide the latest protection with the best total cost of ownership. Software, hardware and virtual appliance offerings provide users the flexibility to meet a wide variety of deployment scenarios. Distributed by a growing worldwide network of more than 3,000 resellers, Astaro products protect over 100,000 networks for 47,000 customers across 60 countries. Astaro, headquartered in Wilmington, Massachusetts, USA and Karlsruhe, Germany, offers free downloads of its products at [www.astaro.com](http://www.astaro.com).

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