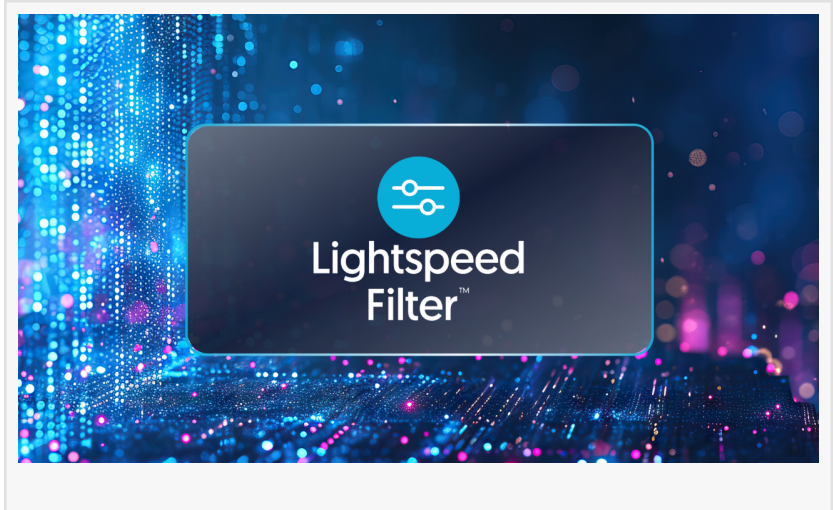# Lightspeed Filter™ Closes the Year with Major Gains in AI & Visibility

AUSTIN, TX, UNITED STATES, December 17, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Lightspeed Systems®, the leading provider of online safety solutions for K–12, is ending 2025 with a series of major advancements to its industry-leading Lightspeed Filter™ platform—focusing on transparency, security, and responsible AI. These new features help districts gain insight into web access decisions, enforce policy with greater nuance, and protect student wellbeing with intelligent, low-friction safeguards.

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AI & Visibility: Meet "BOB," Your New Filtering Sidekick:

BOB (Bot of Bots), Lightspeed Filter's new assistant helps IT teams understand filtering decisions with instant clarity. With BOB in Access Check, admins can look up any URL and instantly see:

• The assigned category (and if it was changed locally)
• Whether it's allowed or blocked
• What policy decision led to the outcome
• And most importantly: why?

"BOB surfaces the logic behind every filtering decision—what rule applied, what policy triggered it, and whether anything's been overridden," said Chambers. "It's become one of the most useful

tools we've given IT teams to validate access and quickly resolve issues."

Real-Time Risk Monitoring: A Unified Security Insights Dashboard & Telemetry Report:

In addition to BOB, Lightspeed has introduced two powerful visibility tools: a real-time Security Insights Dashboard and a comprehensive Telemetry Report. Together, they give districts a full-spectrum view of filtering behavior and device health.

The Security Insights Dashboard gives districts a centralized, real-time view of web-based threats like malware, proxies, and domain-sharing. It surfaces spikes, patterns, and high-risk users or domains so districts can act faster and adjust policy with confidence.

Complementing this, a streamlined Agent Telemetry Report gives admins visibility into device-level agent health and version coverage, ensuring deployments stay current and protected.

Increased Safety with Smart Image Blurring:

This fall, Lightspeed also rolled out smart image blurring, a machine-learning feature that blurs images based on category or policy without fully blocking the site.

This provides a more nuanced approach to content management, supporting classroom engagement while still shielding students from inappropriate visuals, especially in gray-area categories like social media, news, or web results.

These enhancements continue Lightspeed's mission to deliver not just filtering, but meaningful oversight, smarter automation, and policy-aligned protection that districts can trust. With these updates, Filter becomes more than a safety tool—it becomes a strategic layer in every district's digital ecosystem.

To learn more or explore what's new, check out [6 Reasons to Take a Fresh Look at Lightspeed Filter™](#) or contact your Lightspeed representative.

About Lightspeed Systems
With more than 25 years of serving education, Lightspeed Systems delivers the most in-depth visibility and control to power exceptional schools where students are safe and engaged; technology is compliant and easily managed; and resources are secure and optimized. Purpose-built for school networks and devices, Lightspeed's cloud-managed solutions include the most effective web filtering, student safety monitoring, classroom management, device management, and data analytics software available. Headquartered in Austin, Texas, with a European office in London, UK, Lightspeed serves over 23 million students across 31,000 schools in 43 countries, utilizing 15 million devices.

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