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Dear Jeremy,

It is not recommended to run the SQL Server with its port directly open to the internet. The file wall is needed.

In these situations, the common practice is to host a middleware component in the IIS and let the clients communicate with the component instead, and the component will talk directly to the SQL Server.

You might also consider using Microsoft Remote Data Services (RDS). RDS is a Web-based technology that uses Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS) and special ActiveX controls to bind data from an SQL data source to data controls on a Web page. RDS is integrated with ADO technology. For more information about RDS, see the RDS documentation in the Microsoft Data Access Components (MDAC) SDK, located in the Platform SDK in MSDN Online.

In addition, the following article about RDS should be of some help to you.  
<http://support.microsoft.com/support/kb/articles/q183/2/94.asp>

Sincerely,

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