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NEWS RELEASE

NJSBAIG Announces \$5 Million in Safety Grants for Member School Districts *Safety grants to fund safety and security-related improvements in schools.*

BURLINGTON, NJ – At its March 26, 2010 board meeting, the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group (NJSBAIG) board of trustees voted to award **\$5 million in safety grants** to members for safety- and security-related purchases and projects.

In keeping with its mission to reduce the cost of risk for New Jersey public schools, NJSBAIG established its safety grant program in 2009 to reward members for their commitment to risk management and provide funding districts otherwise would not have to invest in safety-related improvements. “Our goal with this program is to make our schools safer for the students, employees and communities they serve,” said NJSBAIG Director Marty Kalbach. “We are delighted to make safety grants available to our members again this year.” The Group awarded \$3 million in safety grants to more than 300 school districts in 2009.

NJSBAIG safety grant applications will be available to members in May. To qualify, the district must complete the application and submit a narrative detailing how grant monies will be used to improve safety and security within the district. NJSBAIG will present safety grant checks to qualifying members in December at its regional membership meetings.

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The New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group (www.njsbaig.org) is a non-profit entity providing Property, Casualty and Workers’ Compensation insurance at competitive rates to public schools in New Jersey. It is the only statewide, member-owned school district joint insurance fund. This year NJSBAIG celebrates 27 years helping member districts to stabilize insurance costs with comprehensive insurance coverage, competitive rates, in-house claims management and a host of risk management and loss control services.