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NEWS RELEASE

NJSBAIG to Award \$4,000,000 in Safety Grants to Fund Safety and Security-Related Improvements in Schools.

BURLINGTON, NJ – At its latest board meeting, the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group (NJSBAIG) board of trustees voted to award, in 2011, **\$4,000,000 in safety grants** to members for safety- and security-related purchases and projects.

This will be the third consecutive year NJSBAIG has provided safety grants to NJ public school districts. Prior to this announcement, NJSBAIG awarded **\$3,000,000** in grant monies in 2009 and **\$5,000,000** in 2010.

In keeping with its mission to reduce the cost of risk for New Jersey public schools, NJSBAIG first 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.

“Improving safety in our schools is particularly vital,” said Marty Kalbach, Director of NJSBAIG. With New Jersey’s schools cutting costs we cannot have districts sacrificing any safety related purchases. These grants will allow our schools to be safer for the students, employees and the communities they serve. A safer school also means paying fewer accident claims which will allow insurance premiums for districts to remain stable”.

Grants being awarded will rectify potentially hazardous situations as well as provide loss prevention funding by means of security cameras, anti-bullying trainings and other risk management tools to help NJ public schools improve safety.

NJSBAIG safety grant applications will be available to members in December 2010. To qualify, the district must complete a safety assessment and application and submit a narrative detailing how grant monies will be used to improve safety and security within their district. NJSBAIG will present safety grant checks to qualifying members in September 2011 at its regional, sub fund membership meetings.

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helping member districts to stabilize insurance costs with comprehensive insurance coverage, in-house claims management and a host of risk management and loss control services.