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NJSBAIG Will Award \$5,000,000 in Safety Grants!!!

At the latest NJSBAIG board meeting, the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group board of trustees voted to award, in 2014, **\$5,000,000** in safety grants to member districts for safety - and security-related purchases and projects.

The grant program promotes proactive risk management and provides funding districts otherwise would not have to invest in safety-related projects and improvements. This year one of the goals with this program is to assist districts with funding for **emergency preparedness** plans. With recent disasters, like *Super Storm Sandy*, NJSBAIG has seen an increase in claim activity. "Many times local evacuations end up at our school district's front doors and we hope this funding will ensure our schools are safe for the students and communities they serve," said NJSBAIG Director Marty Kalbach. "These grant awards continue a tradition of cooperation between NJSBAIG and our member districts that can really contribute to the development of a strong safety culture in our N.J. school district communities".

Grants being awarded will rectify potentially hazardous situations and may also be used for other loss prevention practices such as security or anti-bullying trainings to help NJ public schools avoid future legal issues.

NJSBAIG safety grant applications will be available to members in December 2013. 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 or security within their district. NJSBAIG will present safety grant checks to qualifying members in September 2014 at its regional, sub fund membership meetings.

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