



Northern California Regional Liability Excess Fund

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Executive Summary Risk Management Committee Meeting December 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairperson Kimberly Wright. 15 members were in attendance. The significant topics members requested to include in the Executive Summary are:

President:

Kimberly Dennis
Alameda County
Schools Insurance
Group

Vice President:

Brent Swanson
Tulare County
Schools Self
Insurance Authority

Secretary:

William Tucker
Organization of Self-
Insured Schools

Treasurer:

Scott Lantsberger
Washington Unified
School District

- **Drones:**

Many school districts are in the process of developing a policy in preparation for the use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), also known as Drones. Keenan has prepared a DRAFT Drone Policy for member review and feedback. [Click here](#) and let us know what you think and/or send your District Policy to Jennifer Aceves. We will review all feedback/policies and bring back a new draft for the Risk Management Committee review at the March meeting.

The Committee discussed that Drones will be a very popular holiday gift and students will be excited to bring their new drones to school. It is recommended that districts be encouraged to put up signage and adopt a policy that states no drones are allowed on school campus without written notice from the District until a more formal Policy can be put into place. Please see Link to the FAA website below where you can view signage options.

https://www.faa.gov/uas/where_to_fly/no_drone_zone/

- **Risk Management (RM) Reward Program:**

The RM Reward Program dedicates \$25K of NCR funds to 10 of its members that actively use the Keenan SafeSchools online risk management training portal. Districts that meet the Program criteria ([click here](#)) will be entered into a lottery drawing to determine the 10 members that will receive \$2,500 for risk management services. This is the third year NCR has provided this award to its membership. The lottery drawing is to take place at the next Executive Committee meeting.

- **Exclusion of Settlement Payments:**

Be sure to check your vendor contracts to determine if there is exclusion for settlement payments. One NCR member discovered an issue with a commercial insurance carrier, Hanover Insurance dba Massachusetts Bay Insurance that was obligated under contract to defend and indemnify the district. The district tendered the claim and the carrier retroactively attempted to amend the coverage on this particular policy to exclude settlement payments asking the district for contribution towards the settlement. There was no legal basis to assert that position but Districts need to be aware of this language in carrier contracts.

- **Risk Management Committee 2.0:**

The Risk Management Committee is looking to broadcast a portion of its meeting live to allow more of the membership to participate in the RM Committee meetings. We are currently testing Skype for Business and are planning to use at the March meeting. More information to come on the topic that will be broadcasted live and how to participate.





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The NCR Risk Management Committee agenda and corresponding handouts are posted on the NCR website and available for download. [Click here](#) to download the document titled: “Risk Management Committee Agenda Packet December 9, 2016”. Items in the packet include **School Production Best Practices.**

Items of Interest from the membership:

Mercury Necklaces:

There is a popular trend emerging where students are wearing necklaces that contain mercury inside a pendant. There are videos on YouTube that walks you through how to make one. As you know, mercury is an extremely toxic chemical and if a person is exposed could cause harm. There was a recent incident where a student wore their mercury necklace on campus and it broke. This caused the District to shutdown part of the campus so they could contain and dispose of the mercury properly. Below are samples of what the necklaces look like. This may be a good time to revisit the dangers of mercury with your student bodies to prevent a similar or worse incident.



Med Sled – Emergency Evacuation Slide



Lodi USD has saved approximately \$50,000 per site through the purchase of Med Sled. These sleds are used instead of the installation of specialized chairlifts that can utilize gravity and not power to lower special needs persons during a fire event or other power interruption emergency. Lodi USD has received kudos from the local Fire Marshall who has suggested that they provide more Med Sleds at the two-story schools.

You can view the “Medsled Supplemental School Training WMV9” [Click Here](#)

