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NEWS RELEASE

**West New York School District Receives \$17,906.93 Safety Grant from the
New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group**

At its September regional members meeting, the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group (NJSBAIG) awarded the West New York School Board of Education a safety grant check in the amount of \$17,906.93. The grant money must be used to invest in safety and security-related improvements within the district.

Robert Sanchez, Assistant Superintendent of Schools was in attendance and accepted the grant check on the board's behalf. The district applied for the safety grant in May of this year, and in accordance with its application, will use the funds to install an entry access system at PS #1, PS #5 and PS #6.

In keeping with its mission to minimize exposure to risk and stabilize insurance costs for New Jersey public schools, NJSBAIG established a public school safety grant program in 2009 and has continued to award safety grants over the past three –years.

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 including hurricanes, earthquakes and flooding 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 community."

NJSBAIG is awarding \$4 million in safety grants to member districts in 2011. The insurer awarded \$5 million in safety grants to members in 2010.

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