



# Northern California Regional Liability Excess Fund

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## Executive Summary Risk Management Committee Meeting September 22, 2017

The following is a summary and highlights of the **Risk Management Committee 2.0** on September 22, 2017 in Tracy, CA.

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### Vendor Contracts/ Risk Transfer – Part 3

The Risk Management Committee continued its discussion on the requirements of IDEA law for Independent Education Evaluations (IEE).

In the Part 1 series, Attorney, Alison Winter, with the law firm of Spinelli, Donald & Nott presented to the committee via Business Skype where she discussed the legalities associated with parental rights and obligations of a school district under the Code of Federal Regulations for IEE's. She offered suggestions to strengthen the JPA members' legal position, which includes the creation of an agency criteria list of requirements for the parents' use when a request is made for an independent evaluation. The agency criteria are individual to each public entity and must match the criteria the entity itself uses for its own evaluations. The criteria may include the location of the evaluation in miles of the district, reasonable cost information commensurate with that paid by the district for its own evaluations, the requirement of the provision of an original written report, requisite qualifications of the examiner along with insurance and DOJ requirements of Education Code §45125.1.

Districts are encouraged to remain consistent with its practices when qualifying vendors as part of an IEE. However, in unique cases where a non-approved vendor is requested by a parent, Alison has created the Acknowledgement of Evaluator's Non-Compliance with Agency Criteria form that affirms the parents' decision to use a vendor that does not meet the requirements of the district's agency criteria as discussed during the Part 2 series.

Attorney, Alison Winter drafted a sample Agency Criteria List along with a communication fact sheet that outlines the process, which was shared at this meeting. All the materials from this 3 part series will be distributed to the NCR membership via RiskAdvisor in the coming months.

### Raptor Technologies

Clayton Dorsett & Jim Vesterman of Raptor Technologies attended the meeting to provide a demo of the Raptor System, which is the nation's leading provider of integrated school safety technologies. The Raptor System can help districts screen out registered sex offenders, manage custody issues, coordinate volunteers, and respond to emergencies. Over 18,000 campuses across the U.S trust Raptor to keep students safe. There are several products available:

- [Visitor Management](#)
- [Volunteer Management](#)
- [Emergency Management](#)

Should wish to see a demo at your district contact your local Keenan loss control consultant for Clayton's contact information. The Raptor system would be a viable qualified option for NCR Matching Grant Program.





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## **SB 1072 Child Safety Alert System (CSAS)**

On September 27, 2016, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law SB 1072 (Chapter 721, Statutes of 2016), the Paul Lee School Bus Safety Law.

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The new law, named after a special-needs student who tragically died after being left alone on a school bus for many hours, seeks to prevent children being left unattended on buses by requiring drivers to walk the length of the bus to deactivate an alarm system before leaving. The new law also strengthens driver protocols and training and provides the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) the authority to suspend the bus driver's certificate to drive the bus. For more detailed information the full briefing can be located on P&C Bridge.

## **Athletic Related Injuries**

Athletic Related Injuries, and more specifically concussions, continue to be an area of interest nationally and within NCR. Tim Hall provided an overview on the most common questions asked and best practices districts should follow surrounding equipment, practice and game protocols, parent information and the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) protocol requirements. The Committee will be continuing discussions in this regard to this exposure and loss control will be evaluating and providing some information in regard to various base line testing to develop additional resources for the membership. Keenan will be sponsoring a webinar in November to address these issues.

The next Risk Management meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2017 in Pleasanton, CA

