

**Risk Management, Liability Insurance and Property Damage**

**Risk Management**

The Board believes it must identify and measure risks of loss due to the damage or destruction of District property or to claims against the District by others claiming to have been harmed by the action or inaction of the District or staff. A risk management program shall be implemented to reduce or eliminate risks where possible, and to determine which risks the District can afford to assume. Such a program shall consider the benefits, if any, of joining with other units of local government for joint purchasing of insurance or joint self-insuring. The Board shall review the status of the risk management program each year.

The District shall purchase and pay for surety bonds for the Supervising Teacher, the Clerk and such other staff and in such amounts as the Board shall from time to time determine to be necessary for honest performance of the staff in the conduct of the District's financial operations.

**Liability Insurance**

The Board and its agents are immune from suit for their legislative acts as defined in § 2-9-111, MCA. The Board shall maintain sufficient liability insurance to protect itself against claims for the negligent or wrongful acts of its staff or agents. The amount and terms of such insurance protection shall be regularly reviewed as part of the District's risk management program.

The Board shall hold individual Board members, staff or agents of the District harmless and defend them from any financial loss, including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising out of any act or failure to act, provided that at the time the individual was acting within the scope of his/her responsibilities and in compliance with the policies and procedures of the District.

**Property Damage**

The District shall maintain a comprehensive insurance program which shall provide adequate coverage, as determined by the Board, in the event of loss or damage to school buildings and/or equipment, including motor vehicles. The comprehensive insurance program shall maximize the District's protection and coverage while minimizing the costs for insurance.

<p>Legal Reference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>§ 2-9-100, et seq., MCA</li> <li>§2-9-211, MCA</li> <li>§2-9-502, MCA</li> <li>§20-3-331, MCA</li> <li>§20-6-608, MCA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liability exposure</li> <li>Political subdivision insurance</li> <li>General provisions related to official bonds</li> <li>Purchase of liability insurance</li> <li>Authority and duty of trustees to insure district property</li> </ul>
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