



May 3, 2016

Ms. Betty McCrohan  
Wharton County Junior College  
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Wharton, TX 77488-3252

Dear Ms. McCrohan:

For the 5th year in a row, Wharton County Junior College has been awarded a Loss Prevention Grant! Your consistent effort to improve the safety and manage the risks on your campuses deserves special recognition. I commend your efforts toward saving valuable resources through a dedicated loss prevention process.

Chuck Kennedy, your risk solutions consultant, is available to advise you on purchasing the approved equipment, services, or training indicated in the attached Grant Agreements. We encourage you to work with your consultant to assist you in tailoring your loss prevention initiative to enhance the benefits of your loss prevention project. If you would like to increase the purchasing power of your grant award, please visit the TASB BuyBoard at [www.buyboard.com](http://www.buyboard.com).

We are extremely proud of your loss prevention efforts and look forward to working together to reduce potential losses. If you have any questions regarding the expenditure of allocated funds, please contact Clem Zabalza, director of Risk Management Member Solutions, at 800.482.7276, extension 2833, or Chuck Kennedy at extension 2836.

Sincerely,

Dubravka Romano  
Associate Executive Director  
Risk Management Services  
Texas Association of School Boards, Inc.

Enclosures: *Eligibility Criteria Agreement, Reimbursement Agreement, and Training Requirement Agreement*

cc: Mike Feyen



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## **Grant Program Targets Loss Prevention**

(Austin) — Wharton County Junior College has been awarded a loss prevention grant of \$3000.00 for the 5th consecutive year from the TASB Risk Management Fund. These grants help implement loss prevention and safety initiatives that reduce the potential for property losses and on-the-job injuries, improve emergency management operations, and raise awareness of safety issues. This award is part of \$700,000 in grants the Fund gave this year to 222 Texas school districts and education entities. Since 1998, the Fund's Loss Prevention Grant program has distributed 3,044 total grants of more than \$8.11 million to Fund members in the workers' compensation and property and auto programs. This year set a record for the number of applications submitted.

"The TASB Risk Management Fund is committed to meeting the needs of our members," said Clem Zabalza, division director of TASB Risk Management Member Solutions. "This year, our members submitted more grant applications than ever before. These grants help members implement creative solutions that reduce their risks, preserving resources for their primary mission as educators."

The 2016 grants were awarded to 209 school districts, eight community colleges, four regional education service centers, and one shared services arrangement. Workers' compensation grants focused on fall prevention, personal lifting devices, and personal protective equipment. Facilities security initiatives, driver improvement, and vehicle safety were the primary areas receiving grants under the property and auto programs. Unemployment and liability grants dealt with human resources training and emergency management.

The TASB Risk Management Fund is the oldest and largest risk sharing pool serving Texas school districts and other members of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). The Fund provides workers' compensation, property, liability, auto, and unemployment compensation coverage to more than 1,100 members. The Fund Five "S" Difference—focusing on Strength, Stability, Savings, Service, and Simplicity for its members—has been the foundation of its success for 40 years.

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