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ANNOUNCING UTICA NATIONAL'S 2013 SCHOOL RISK MANAGEMENT WEBINAR!

Protect YOUR Students from Bullying, Harassment and Violence



THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2013 AT 11 A.M.

It's critical to create a culture and climate of support, respect, acceptance and inclusion at your school – all while keeping students safe.

Utica National's informative, free school risk management webinar – featuring presenters from the New York State School Boards Association and set for Thursday, August 8, 2013, at 11 a.m. – can help you do that, offering you useful information on New York State's efforts to help schools create such an atmosphere, with a broader application toward preventing school violence.

The webinar will also include updates on the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA), with emphasis on implementing the requirements within the new cyber bullying amendment, which became effective July 1st.

WHO SHOULD JOIN US

This webinar is ideal for anyone concerned about school safety. That includes School Board members, Superintendents, Business Officials, Building Principals and Dignity Act Coordinators, School Psychologists and Guidance Counselors, Human Relations personnel, and any other faculty and staff members designated by the school or BOCES.

The webinar can be viewed in groups, in classrooms or at home. The session will be recorded, with a web link to the recording provided at a later date.

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ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

Jay Worona – Jay Worona has served as general counsel to the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) since 1990, and was previously an associate in a general practice law firm in Schenectady, New York.

He represents NYSSBA and its membership of approximately 750 school districts in direct and amicus-curiae (friend-of-the-Court) litigation on wide-ranging legal topics such as school employees' tenure and seniority rights, special education, the constitutional separation of church and state as it applies to the operation of public schools, and the legal authority of school boards. Mr. Worona is a frequent lecturer throughout the state and nation on education law and labor law issues.



Linda Bakst – Linda Bakst is Deputy Director of Policy Services for the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA). Policy Services supports school districts across the state in crafting and implementing effective policy. Ms. Bakst researches, writes and presents on a wide range of policy issues, including, but not limited to, bullying, attendance, special education and fiscal oversight.

She served for nine years as a Guilderland Central School District Board of Education member, including six years as chair of the Policy Committee. As a Board member, she was instrumental in bringing the pension reform issue to NYSSBA's Annual Business Meeting. She subsequently participated on the Task Force that studied the pension system and made recommendations that have been adopted as NYSSBA lobbying positions.



Ms. Bakst is also a member of New York State Board of Regents Safe Schools Task Force and the Dignity Act Task Force, and was instrumental in helping plan and deliver the Safe Schools Safe Students Conference in March 2013 in cooperation with Utica National.

Prior to joining NYSSBA, she worked at various levels of local and state government, including New York City's Mayor's Office, the City of Pittsburgh's Department of Finance, the New York State Division of Budget and the New York State Legislative Commission on Expenditure Review.

REGISTERING IS EASY

- Register for the webinar by visiting www.uticanational.com/affinity
- If unable to register online, please contact Cassandra Ingham by phone toll-free at 1-800-274-1914, ext. 2233 or via email at Cassandra.Ingham@uticanational.com

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PLEASE REMEMBER: You must register in advance of the webinar with the valid email address(es) to receive the follow-up login information and handout materials, which will be sent directly to you or your designee.

***This free webinar runs August 8th from 11 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
and includes a Q&A session with the presenters.***



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