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Community Schools, **Thriving Students** 

## Memo

To

Board of Education

From

Tony Smith, Ph.D., Superintendent

Vernon Hal, Deputy Superintendent Business Services and Operations

Jerry Johnson, Risk Management Officer

**Board Meeting Date** 

June 26, 2013

Subject

Approval by the Oakland Unified School District Board of Education for Excess

Workers Compensation Insurance Premiums for the 2013-14 Fiscal Year

**Action Requested** 

Approval by the Board of Education of insurance premium payments

in the amount of \$699,500, for the coverages outlined below, for the policy

period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

Background

The District is permissibly self-insured for purposes of California Workers Compensation coverage. The ultimate risk of such self-insurance is mitigated by the purchase of excess Workers Compensation coverage above a self-insured retention ("SIR") of \$500,000 per claim. That coverage is procured from independent carriers through the District's broker of record, Alliant Insurance

Services.

Discussion

The cost of coverage through these policies is proposed to increase by approximately 1.0% over the current Fiscal Year. This modest increase results from three opposing factors: (1) the withdrawal of the District's prior year buffer layer carrier (Maiden Reinsurance) from this market, and (2) a general hardening of the California workers compensation insurance market (both of which have driven rates higher), offset by (3) an increase in the program SIR.

Recommendation

Approval by the Board of Education of insurance premium payments in the amount of \$699,500 to Alliant Insurance, as its broker of record for the coverages outline below, for the policy period of July 1, 2013 through June 30,

2014.

Fiscal Impact

Fund 67 Resource Code 0000, not to exceed \$699,500.

## OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE 2013-2014 INSURANCE PROPOSAL

INSURANCE COMPANY	PROPOSED  New York Marine/ Star Insurance
A.M. BEST GUIDE RATING:*	A (Superior): Financial Size Category IX (\$250 Million to \$500 Million)/ A- (Superior): Financial Size Category IX (\$250 Million to \$500 Million)
STANDARD & POOR'S RATING:*	N/A/N/A
CALIFORNIA STATUS:	Admitted
COVERAGE TERM:	July 1, 2013 – July 1, 2014
LIMITS:	
Workers' Compensation	\$ Statutory
Employer's Liability	\$ 1,000,000
ESTIMATED ANNUAL PAYROLL:	\$225,000,000
SELF INSURED RETENTION:	\$500,000
ESTIMATED ANNUAL PREMIUM:	\$699,500
RATE PER \$100 OF PAYROLL:	0.3105
LOSS CONTROL (included in premium):	\$800
MINIMUM EARNED PREMIUM:	\$637,818.68
ENDORSEMENTS & EXCLUSIONS	Star Insurance
(Including but not limited to):	Terrorism Premium Endt
	Catastrophe Premium Endt
	Escalation Exclusion
	California Changes
	Communicable Disease Endorsement     Voluntary Compensation
TERRORISM OPTION:	\$7,200 not included in the primary premium.
PAYROLL AUDITABLE:	Yes
QUOTE VALID UNTIL:	July 1, 2013
BINDING CONDITIONS:	<ol> <li>Final Premium will be at least and not less than the minimum premium stated above.</li> <li>Require retention of TPA, approved by New York. Marine and General Insurance Company, throughout the policy period.</li> <li>Applicable state endorsements plus other coverage additions/ exclusions may apply. All other endorsements desired must be requested prior to binding and are subject to approval.</li> <li>Please sign and return the attached Terrorism Disclosure. Same must be received within thirty (30) days of binding.</li> <li>New York Marine and General Insurance Company has the right, but not the obligation, to audit TPA listed above.</li> <li>Require our employee concentration form (attached) to be completed in its entirety prior to binding.</li> </ol>

## OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE 2013-2014 INSURANCE PROPOSAL

DATE PREPARED:

June 14, 2013

BROKER:

ALLIANT INSURANCE SERVICES, INC.

Lilian Vanvieldt, Senior Vice President Maria Gregoris, CSRM, Account Executive Debra Hardwick, CSRM Account Manager

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David Kakishiba

President, Board of Education

Edgar Rakestraw, Jr., Secretary Board of Education

Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.