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SafeSchools, MABE Announce Strategic Partnership; Unlimited Online Safety Training for 19 Counties in Maryland

CINCINNATI, OH, September 9th, 2008 – Today, SafeSchools, LLC and the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE), announced a strategic partnership designed to give all members of MABE’s insurance programs immediate, free and unlimited access to SafeSchools’ nationally-renowned employee safety and compliance training products.

“The MABE Insurance Programs are really pleased to partner with SafeSchools to provide our Maryland school systems with this excellent training resource,” says Steve James, Director of Insurance Programs. “We want to provide our members with efficient and effective safety and risk management training and SafeSchools meets those needs. We believe that by using SafeSchools, the member school systems will be receiving required training and that each system will be developing a sound risk management culture to help mitigate their losses.”

SafeSchools’ online training and tracking system enables districts and schools to assign specific courses to any employee. The employee can then take the course(s) at their convenience. The results of the staff member’s training are then tracked in SafeSchools’ proprietary compliance management system. As a result, districts and schools have easy access to records indicating which courses have been assigned, which have been completed and whether the staff members completed the end-of-course assessment.

SafeSchools is the nation’s leading publisher of school-specific online safety training programs for K-12 staff members. Nationally, more than 1,500 school systems now use SafeSchools’ Web-based training.

“The mission of SafeSchools has always been to make schools as safe as possible,” said Brian Taylor, President of SafeSchools. “Our partnership with MABE – the industry leader in Maryland – will help us achieve our goal. Ultimately, the beneficiaries of this partnership will be the school districts served by MABE as well as school staff members and students throughout the state.”

SafeSchools’ courses are authored by some of America’s foremost experts in school safety. In addition, SafeSchools will be working with MABE and their member districts to customize the training modules to better meet the needs of Maryland schools.

The 80 courses in the SafeSchools library help schools meet federal and state staff training mandates. A complete list of current / upcoming courses as well as a description of SafeSchools' related products and services can be found at <http://www.safeschools.com/courses>.

SafeSchools LLC is located in Cincinnati, Ohio (<http://www.safeschools.com>). MABE is a private, non-profit organization to which all school boards in the state of Maryland voluntarily belong. ([http://www.mabe.org/.](http://www.mabe.org/))

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