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### **Utah School Boards Association Endorses SafeSchools®** *100% School-focused Safety Training Selected as System of Choice Statewide*

CINCINNATI, OH, (September 14, 2010) – As Utah districts go back to school, administrators statewide are looking for creative ways to efficiently and cost-effectively train staff, manage compliance, and reduce losses. The Utah School Boards Association (USBA) is actively taking steps to support these goals by endorsing SafeSchools, the leading safety and compliance system for K-12 schools.

A major area of expense for Utah districts is workers' compensation claims that often result from seemingly innocent staff behavior - a teacher stands on a desk to remove a poster from the wall and falls, injuring her arm. Or a maintenance worker doesn't follow proper procedure on a ladder and is critically hurt. The scenarios for K-12 work-related injuries are numerous and the impact to an already tight fiscal budget can be disastrous.

To help districts achieve loss reduction in workers' compensation, Scenario Learning, developers of SafeSchools, and the USBA today announced a new partnership to help make Utah districts a safer place to work and learn.

The new partnership allows Utah districts to subscribe to the SafeSchools program at up to 50% off the standard rate – a major savings for these institutions.

“When it comes to safety and compliance training for schools, it is much easier for a teacher to relate to a scenario that takes place in a classroom setting,” said Jimmy Chapman, Loss Control Manager, USBA. “SafeSchools courses are 100% school-focused and designed to meet the unique situations that educators face every day. That was a key factor in our endorsement.”

Nebo School District, the 7<sup>th</sup> largest district in the state, along with other key districts, reviewed the SafeSchools program and responded very favorably to USBA executives, helping to secure the endorsement.

SafeSchools is the leading web-based training and compliance system for K-12 schools that saves districts valuable time and money. The system offers a comprehensive library of more than 150 courses written by the nation's leading experts, covering important topics like Bloodborne Pathogens; Slips, Trips, and Falls; Office Ergonomics; Back Injuries; Special Education and more. These courses can easily be assigned to staff members, who conveniently take the courses online. The SafeSchools Compliance Management System automatically tracks course completions, and generates real-time reports for administrators. Other administrative features, including automatic email notification and a district policy acceptance tracker, completely automate the training and tracking process for an entire district. Using the SafeSchools system, districts can comply with important state regulations and develop a sound risk management culture to help mitigate exposure and reduce losses.

“USBA understands the importance of staff training in the success of every Utah district. When staff and students feel secure in their environment, the focus can stay squarely on learning, where it should be. I'm impressed that USBA is delivering the #1 school safety and compliance training system to their member districts at a significant savings. We're honored to work with them,” said Brian Taylor, President and CEO of Scenario Learning.

#### **About Scenario Learning**

Scenario Learning is the leading developer of safety training and compliance solutions for the K-12 market, including SafeSchools, SchoolMSDS, and LiveTip. Located in Cincinnati, Ohio, the company was recently awarded a 2010 BESSIE Award for educational excellence and currently serves more than 2,400 districts nationwide. For more information, visit [www.safeschools.com](http://www.safeschools.com).

#### **About USBA**

The Utah School Boards Association was founded in 1932 and represents all 40 Utah school districts and the State Board of Education. The association provides leadership, advocacy, training, and quality services for effective school board governance to their member districts. For more information, visit [www.usba.cc](http://www.usba.cc).

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