

## Canutillo ISD Receives Grant For Safety Efforts

Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) was awarded recently a \$3,000 loss prevention grant from the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Risk Management Fund.

“The grant monies will help CISD continue its loss prevention and safety initiatives to reduce the potential for property losses, on-the-job injuries, and raise safety awareness,” stated Renee O’Donnell, CISD Human Resources executive director.

The award is part of over half a million dollars given in grants by the Fund to 200 Texas school districts and other educational entities this year. Instrumental in securing the loss prevention grant for CISD were Mike Gonzales, CISD Workers’ Comp/Risk Management specialist, and Dell Harrington, TASB Senior Loss Prevention Consultant.

“During these difficult financial times, it is important for schools to keep focused on ways to maintain safety and well being of all employees and prevention of losses in the workplace. The Fund is behind our members’ efforts to save valuable resources by providing funding to help educate staff, secure facilities, and create a safer work environment,” said Edwin Thompson, director of TASB Loss Prevention Services.

This year’s grant application review focused on implementation of training programs that addressed fall prevention, use of personal lifting devices and protective equipment, facilities security initiatives, and driver improvement and vehicle safety.

The TASB Risk Management Fund is the largest risk sharing pool for school districts and one of the largest public entity risk pools in the nation. Created in 1974, the Fund provides comprehensive risk management coverage and services in the areas of workers’ compensation, property/casualty, and unemployment compensation. More than 1,100 school districts, education cooperatives, junior colleges, education service centers, and county appraisal districts participate in one or more of the Fund’s programs.



Canutillo Independent School District receives \$3,000 Loss Prevention Grant for its safety efforts. (Shown in photo, l. to r.) - Renee O’Donnell, CISD Human Resources Executive Director, holds check, while Dell Harrington, TASB Senior Loss Prevention Consultant, presents award certificate to Mike Gonzales, CISD Workers’ Comp/Risk Management Specialist.