Redwood Empire Schools’ Insurance Group is committed to creating a culture of safety and reducing the risk of sexual abuse in schools. As part of this commitment, RESIG partnered with Praesidium to bring online abuse prevention training to its members and their employees and volunteers.

Creating a safe environment is an ongoing process that requires strong commitment, constant vigilance, regular reminders, and no tolerance for drifting standards. The challenge remains to keep the importance of this issue alive by acknowledging that our work is not finished – it is just beginning. Every member is part of this commitment to safety, and RESIG is privileged to support this important work and bring resources to your team in two convenient locations.

**WHY PREVENTION MATTERS NOW MORE THAN EVER**

Sexual abuse remains a serious issue that affects millions of vulnerable individuals each year, sparing no generation or demographic. According to the Center for Disease Control, childhood sexual abuse poses a serious threat to the health and development of our nation’s children, affects millions of children annually, and has significant impacts on society. The CDC also estimates the majority of child abuse does not get reported. Now more than ever communities, regulators, carriers, and funders are asking important questions and driving long-overdue action.

Whether you’re trying to prevent a teacher, coach, custodian, bus driver or administrator from sexually abusing a student – or trying to prevent sexual abuse between students in bathrooms, locker rooms, gyms, isolated areas on campus, or on a field trip – prevention involves everyone. Training *by itself* is not the solution, but the right training that targets the right people is a great start to creating a culture of safety.

Your district will have access to a range of courses and the ability to assign different curriculum to different groups of individuals based on their role. This access allows you to educate your team on their responsibility for abuse prevention, arm them with information relevant to their lived experience, and level-set expectations in your schools. To ensure your entire team – employees and volunteers – have a way to access training, your district will have two locations available for online training:

- Employee Access via Target Solutions Platform
- Volunteer Access via Praesidium’s Armatus® Learn to Protect Platform

**HOW CAN YOU HELP SUPPORT THESE EFFORTS?**

*Evaluate opportunities to discuss these resources and stay tuned for more information.* RESIG will continue to make information available on next steps, how to get started, and support for your HR Administrators. In the interim, evaluate opportunities, meetings, and conversations where this important resource news can be shared.

*Ensure your district leadership is on board.* In addition to the Praesidium online abuse prevention training, your district has access to targeted resources designed to engage your board of directors in abuse-prevention efforts. Board Members will learn more about their role in preventing sexual abuse, questions to ask district leadership, and how to integrate a strategic framework for long-term prevention and response efforts. *Access the program here.*