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## **MAISL Trust 2025 Cipriano Safety Award/Cipriano Award of Excellence**

The Cipriano Award of Excellence was established in July 2012 in honor of the MAISL Trust Chairperson, Robert Cipriano. Most of you may not know Bob but this award is a small way to continue to honor his legacy. Bob was the Business Services Director and oversaw district Athletics with Dearborn Schools from July 2000 till 2012.

Bob was an advocate for students in all aspects of his professional roles, always keeping students as a priority when it came to district funding per the late Brian Whiston, Superintendent of Dearborn schools who worked with Bob.

The following is an excerpt from his Celebration of Life memorial: Bob was known for carefully considering the impact of budget choices on the students' education. Bob loved athletics and enjoyed staying physically fit. He was an avid runner and competitor who participated in road races, marathons, and triathlons, in addition to bike races, softball games and basketball leagues. He was particularly passionate about youth sports. Bob led life with enthusiasm and excellence no matter what the challenge was. In the past the Trust recognized one member with this award and in true Bob form, we are increasing that to recognize all members that have met the measure of excellence during the 2023-2024 program year.

The award criteria includes evaluation of claim frequency, loss ratio, member attendance at meetings and safety efforts/implementations of controls. Consideration of safety efforts and implementation of controls is new this year as is the loss ratio being based off the 2023-2024 program year verses utilizing a 5-year average. Claims under \$100 were removed from claim frequency as they were last year.



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Based on the criteria, we have five members receiving the Cipriano Award of Excellence for the 2023-2024 program year. All members had a minimum to no claim frequency (two members had zero claims), all had a loss ratio at or under 6%, all had a 100% participation in Trust meetings, AND all have been proactive in regards to safety and the implementing the proper controls to mitigate loss. Many of these members have had transitions in key leadership positions over the last couple of years and two of the members have the transportation piece of the business internal. Understanding the challenges that transportation departments face – the performance of these members is outstanding and leadership within those specific departments commendable.

The commitment to safety and efforts to prevent claims is what makes the MAISL Trust strong.

The following members are the recipients of the **2025 Cipriano Safety Award:**

***Berkley School District***  
***Garden City Public Schools***  
***Dearborn Public Schools***  
***Dexter Community Schools***  
***Redford Union Schools***

**Award recipients pictured from the left: Jasen Witt, Superintendent, Redford Union Schools; Steve Wisniewski, Chief Financial Officer, Garden City Public Schools; Christie Bueche, Chief Financial Officer, Dexter Community Schools; Tom Wall, Executive Director of Business & Operations, Dearborn Public Schools; Jenna Romain, Director of Finance, Berkley Schools.**