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## **School Boards' Risk Management Policies**

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Dear School Board Administrators:

Many school boards in our region have recently implemented new Risk Management policies, whereby schools will no longer request parents to sign liability waivers or external agencies' consent forms for students participating in field trips.

Here, at the Ganaraska Forest Centre, we are working with school boards in recognition of these new policies and to simplify the booking process for teachers to be able to bring their students to the Ganaraska Forest Centre for a quality, outdoor education experience.

If your school board has implemented these new policies, please know that we are in communication with OSBIE (Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange), our own insurance company, and individual boards and have revised our booking process to allow for an Informed Consent from Parents to serve as an alternative to signing liability waivers.

Should you be concerned that barriers to participation exist, please know that we are happy to work with principals, teachers, and other board administrators to ensure that every student has access to the 'gift of nature' that an outdoor education experience can provide.

For further information on this or for general inquiries, please feel free to contact me any time, at: 905-797-2721, ext. 322, or via e-mail at: [lgivelas@grca.on.ca](mailto:lgivelas@grca.on.ca).

Best regards,

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