

EXHIBIT 5

**SAMPLE LETTER FOR CURRENT VENDORS AND CONTRACTORS
TO EXPLAIN THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SSI LEGISLATION**

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Re: School Safety Initiative Legislation

Dear _____:

As you may be aware, Governor Granholm very recently signed into law several bills known collectively as the "School Safety Initiative". This legislation is effective January 1, 2006, and is intended to increase student safety by prohibiting individuals convicted of or charged with certain crimes from being assigned to work under contract in any school. The law prohibits persons convicted of a crime listed and defined under the Sex Offender Registration Act (MCL § 28.722) from working at a school; it also prohibits persons convicted of felonies other than "listed offenses" from working at a school.

Also effective January 1, 2006, the law requires that persons assigned to work at schools under direct or indirect contract with the School District to be fingerprinted by the State Police Department, and to have the State Police initiate State and FBI criminal records checks. The School District is requiring that its vendors, bidders, and contractors who will have persons working regularly and continuously on school property, within the meaning of the new legislation, must certify to the School District that its employees, agents, subcontractors, or consultants have had their fingerprints taken and their State Police and FBI criminal records checks run, and that such persons will not have been convicted of any offense listed under the Sex Offender Registration Act, or any other felony. An acceptable sample Affidavit of Bidder, Vendor, Contractor is enclosed with this letter, which you will want to review with your legal counsel.

The new legislation also requires persons assigned to work under contract at schools to report being arraigned or charged with any criminal offense - - felony or misdemeanor - - that is listed in Section 1535a(1) of the Revised School Code (MCL §380.1535a(1)), or a similar law of another state or jurisdiction. Accordingly, the School District must now require that its vendors, bidders, and contractors certify that they are requiring their employees, agents, subcontractors, or consultants to report any arraignments for offenses listed under MCL §380.1535a(1) to the vendor, bidder, and contractor, and that same will be timely reported to the School District by the vendor, bidder, or contractor as required by law. (MCL §380.1230d(1)). The enclosed sample Affidavit provides the necessary certification.

Also enclosed for your convenient reference is a copy of a Memorandum dated December 12, 2005 from the School District's legal counsel, the Education and Municipal Law Practice Group of Clark Hill PLC, analyzing the School Safety Initiative Legislation and its requirements. You may wish to share this Memorandum with your legal counsel.

Very truly yours,

School Business Official