

LAKE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION  
Office of the Superintendent

**(Tort Claim # 503772)**

**ISSUE**

Date of Loss: November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Event: Accident, SELPA Bus# 4

Facts: The district vehicle was travelling on Lakeview Drive and attempting to make a left turn onto Hwy 20. The other vehicle was travelling in the opposite direction on Lakeview Drive. When the district vehicle proceeded with the left turn it hit the other vehicle on the left front end. This vehicle was also travelling thru the intersection at the time of the impact and was driven by Karen Goerndt, however, the registered owner is Mary Goerndt.

**BACKGROUND/PREVIOUS BOARD ACTIVITY**

The Board voted to deny this claim on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The action was based on vehicle damages estimated at \$3443.75, and claimant was listed as Mary Goerndt. A new claim has been filed by Karen Goerndt.

**DISCUSSION**

If the Board accepts the claim the County Office/SELPA would pay all damages and medical costs associated with this accident.

If the Board denies the claim, the County Office will submit the claim to Schools Insurance Group Northern Alliance II (SIGNAL II) as a liability claim.

**FISCAL, STAFFING, AND FACILITIES**

Unknown at this time.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION**

The Superintendent recommends that the County Board deny this claim and refer the claim to SIGNAL II.

Report prepared by Michelle Buell.

**LAKE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION**  
**REQUEST FOR CLAIM SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY**

**CLAIM NUMBER:** 503772

**DATE OF LOSS:** 11/19/2014

**DISTRICT:** Lake County Office of Education

**DESCRIPTION OF CLAIMANT:** Mary Goerndt

**DISTRICT REP:** Michelle Buelle

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**INJURY/DAMAGE:** Minor damage sustained to the claimant's 2000 Chrysler Concorde on the left front end. I received the appraisal back and it was determined that the claimant's vehicle is repairable. The estimate is @ 69% of the ACV and the cost of the repairs is \$2,574.45. The claimant driver, Karen Goerndt has presented an injury claim and now has attorney representation.

**LIABILITY:** This appears to be a case of liability against the district for making an unsafe left turn. The police report confirms liability and the district driver was cited at the scene for failure to yield the right of way to on-coming traffic.

**DEMAND:** The claimant has liability only coverage through State Farm Insurance.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** The appraisal assessment of the claimant's vehicle appears to be a fair evaluation of the damage and is appropriate for payment. We also recommend extending loss of use to the claimant in the amount of \$250.00 for a rental vehicle.

**AMOUNT OF THIS REQUEST:** \$2,824.45

**EXPENSES PAID TO DATE:** \$95.00

**EXAMINER:** Lynette Daniels

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DISAPPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_