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**TO: District Superintendents
Directors of Maintenance and Operations
SISC II Member Districts**

**FROM: Catherine Wilson Jones, CSP
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SUBJECT: Climbing Walls

The SISC administration has received a number of requests regarding the installation of climbing walls. To provide you with the help and support you will need to implement a safe climbing wall program, SISC is developing operation standards that will detail/outline acceptable parameters.

Climbing walls have to be designed by a structural engineer or architect and the plan must be approved by the Division of State Architect (DSA). ***If they are not, they will be excluded from SISC II general liability coverage.***

It is our goal to develop a framework of operational climbing wall guidelines and to assist the district administrators in addressing all the issues in order to make climbing walls an acceptable, safe activity.

If you have any questions, please contact me by calling (661) 636-4608 or the Safety and Loss Control Specialist assigned to your district.

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