



# Holland Patent Central School District

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## **Safety Efforts Earn Holland Patent Central School District**

### **Utica National's School Safety Excellence Award**

October 8, 2020 (Holland Patent, N.Y.) – The Holland Patent Central School District has been recognized by Utica National Insurance Group and its Risk Management Service with a 2020 School Safety Excellence Award.

The honor is presented annually and recognizes school districts' safety efforts as they work to help keep students, staff and visitors safe. For more than 45 years, Utica National has kept kids and school staff safe and currently insures more than 300 school districts in Upstate New York alone. Superintendent of Schools Mr. Jason P. Evangelist accepted this honor.

Utica National's School Safety Excellence Award Program has three levels – titanium, platinum and gold – in which schools can earn a meritorious distinction by meeting specific criteria to enhance overall safety. Through the program, schools with their own transportation, schools with contract transportation and BOCES are evaluated. Categories covered include bullying prevention programs, playground safety and other areas, and are measured using specific, quantifiable surveys.

Utica National Insurance Group is a Top 100, nationally recognized insurer providing personal and commercial insurance products and services, with the second largest errors and omissions business in the United States. Utica National sells its products through more than 2,200 independent insurance agents and employs over 1,200 people countrywide. The company was founded in 1914 and is headquartered in New Hartford, New York, with seven regional offices.

The Holland Patent Central School District is honored to be recognized for its ongoing commitment to the health and safety of its students and staff, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.