




Geneva Community Unit School District 304
227 North Fourth Street
Geneva, IL 60134

Board of Education Report 2023-2024 Transfer Memorandum

To: **Dr. Andy Barrett, Superintendent**
Board of Education

From: **Todd Latham, Assistant Superintendent** 

Date: **October 3, 2023**

Meeting: **October 10, 2023**

Agenda Item: Public Hearing and Approval of ISBE Application for Renewal of Drivers Education Fee Waiver

Policy Reference: 4:140 – Waiver of Student Fees

The Illinois State Board of Education and the State Legislature have a program whereby a school districts may apply for a waiver or modification of State Board rules and/or School Code mandates. A public hearing is a requirement of the application process.

In accordance with Section 2.3.25g of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g], an application to seek Waiver of Modification of State Board Rules and/or School Code Mandates must be filed.

The required notice of public hearing has been made (publish a Public Notice on District 304’s website at least 14 days in advance of the hearing; publish Public Notice in newspaper at least 7 days in advance of the hearing; provide written notice to applicant’s exclusive bargaining agent affected by the request, as well as send notices to State Legislators representing the applicant’s area.) All notification requirements have been completed.

The waiver application renewal would provide for an additional five-year approval to change the amount of the driver education fee charged by District 304 to students who participate in the driver education course from “not to exceed \$50/\$250” to “not to exceed \$500”, which is more reflective of the actual cost to provide the instruction. This request of a “not to exceed \$500” does not require the District to charge a fee of \$500. The annual fee will be established based on an analysis of the costs associated with the program. As required by School Code, students whose families are unable to pay the fee shall apply to have the fee waived by the District.

I request the Board, upon the completion of the required hearing, approve the Application for Renewal of Drivers Education Fee.