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TO: Members, Board of Education
FROM: Frank Adams
SUBJECT: HAZARDOUS ROUTE INFORMATION

District 107 is considered to have serious safety hazards due to limited sidewalks.

What is a serious safety hazard?

A serious safety hazard exists when a pupil is required to walk along normally traveled roads or streets where walking is alleged to constitute a serious safety hazard due to vehicular traffic, rail crossings or a course or pattern of criminal activity, or is required to walk between their home and assigned school or between their home or assigned school and a pickup point or bus stop along roads or streets where walking is alleged to constitute a serious safety hazard due to vehicular traffic or rail crossings.

Statutory Citation: 105 ILCS 5/29-3

Who determines that a serious safety hazard exists?

The determination as to what constitutes a serious safety hazard is determined by the school board, in accordance with guidelines established by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and in consultation with the State Superintendent of Education. IDOT will review the findings of the school board and approve or disapprove the school board's determination that a serious safety hazard exists within 30 days after the school board submits its findings to the department. If a hazard is determined to exist, the school board shall annually review the conditions and determine whether or not the hazardous conditions remain unchanged. The State Superintendent of Education may request that IDOT verify that the conditions have not changed.

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If a parent/guardian believes a serious safety hazard exists for their child, does the school board of the district have to file the required forms with the Illinois Department of Transportation?

Yes. A parent or guardian can submit a petition in writing on behalf of a pupil for whom adequate transportation for the public is alleged not to exist because the pupil is required to walk along normally traveled roads or streets where walking is alleged to constitute a serious safety

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hazard due to vehicular traffic or rail crossings or the pupil is required to walk between their home and assigned school or between their home or assigned school and a pickup point or bus stop along roads or streets where walking is alleged to constitute a serious safety hazard due to vehicular traffic, rail crossings or a course or pattern of criminal activity,. A school board shall conduct a study and make findings, which the Illinois Department of Transportation shall review and approve or disapprove.

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Is the school board required to submit an annual review of the serious safety hazard findings to the Illinois State Board of Education?

No. Pursuant to Public Act 94-0439, the school board is required by law to annually review the hazardous conditions, but is no longer required to send a copy of the resolution to the State Superintendent of Education. The annual resolutions should remain on file in the district for audit purposes.

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