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To: The Board of Education and Dr. Patrick Broncato, Superintendent
From: Curt Saindon, Assistant Superintendent/CSBO
Date: August 14, 2026
Subject: Hazardous Crossing/Serious Safety Hazard Determination Recommendation

Pursuant to the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/29-3), all school districts that provide student transportation services must annually review any existing and identified serious safety hazards, as approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), to determine whether or not the hazardous condition still exists. If so, the Board must then reconfirm the finding so the students affected by the finding can still qualify for State Categorical Reimbursement of their transportation related costs and expenses (even if they live under a mile and a half from school). Additionally, as the district becomes aware of potential new hazardous conditions, they may at any time complete a request for review in order to have a determination made by IDOT. We have recently done this for the new River's Edge Subdivision along Route 53 for Goodrich School. The finding was approved and has been added to the Serious Safety Hazard Resolution as a permanent condition (in place until further notice, with annual reaffirmations from the Board of Education).

We therefore have a current list of 19 identified and approved "Serious Safety Hazards" by IDOT, dating back to the early 1980's, with the most recent finding being approved in August for River's Edge. The attached Resolution is being presented tonight for Board approval, along with copies of the original requests and determinations for each finding application. With Board approval of this Resolution, we would then move forward to properly code all students living less than a mile and a half from school, but with an active IDOT Serious Safety Hazard Finding on file, as eligible for State Pupil Transportation Reimbursement for the 2026-2027 school year. This claim provides over \$1M annually in State of Illinois Student Transportation Categorical Reimbursement monies to our district. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know. Thank you.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board approves the attached Resolution reaffirming the Serious Safety Hazard Findings, as determined by IDOT and confirmed by the Board for the 2026-2027 school year, as required by law. With Board approval, the Administration will use the determinations when preparing the 2026-2027 State Student Transportation Reimbursement Claim.