

To: Board of Education

From: Margo Empen, Superintendent

Subject: Action Item – Approve the Resolution for Hazardous Crossing – June 25, 2025

PROPOSED MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

That the Board approves the resolution for hazardous crossing, as presented.

Moved by _____; Seconded by _____

YEA	NAY	YEA	NAY
_____ David Fritts	_____	_____ Brandon Rogers	_____
_____ Melissa Gates	_____	_____ Jon Wadsworth	_____
_____ Kathleen Schaefer	_____	_____ Linda Wegner	_____
_____ Linda LeBlanc-Parks	_____		

Background: The following information was provided by Mr. Campbell:

The designation of a Hazardous Crossing is outlined in Section 29-3 of the School code (105 ILCS 5/29-3) and such designation allows the District to bus students within 1.5 miles of a school and receive reimbursement via the Transportation Claim. There are four designated types of hazardous crossings.

- 1) Type I – Walking along a Roadway
- 2) Type II – Walking on a Roadway
- 3) Type III – Crossing a Roadway
- 4) Type IV - Crossing Railroad Tracks

The process of designation is done through an application submitted to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and is analyzed via a point system. Pages 10-12 attached to this memorandum from the School Safety Busing and Instructions for Submitting Finding document produced by IDOT provides an example of Type III – Crossing a Roadway.

The Board has the option of submitting an application to IDOT for analysis and consideration of additional hazardous crossings. The process will consider if there are options for safe crossing nearby; adult crossing guard present, stoplight with crosswalks and crossing signals, and the various other types of factors outlined in the document.

Dixon Public Schools, in cooperation with the community, will provide students with a comprehensive educational program that produces well-educated, self-sufficient, and involved citizens.

At this time, I would like to open discussion to opportunities the Board would like investigated and researched for potential hazardous crossing designation.

According to state regulations, the Board of Education is required to pass a yearly resolution designating previously approved school crossings as hazardous. This is required to claim state reimbursement for those students who live within the 1.5 mile boundary for reimbursement.

It is the recommendation of Administration that the Board of Education approve the attached Resolution for Hazardous School Crossing at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on June 25, 2025.