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To: The Board of Education and Dr. Patrick Broncato, Superintendent
From: Curt Saindon, Assistant Superintendent/CSBO
Date: July 18, 2025
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. If approved, the finding would be added to the Serious Safety Hazard list as either a temporary condition (re-examined annually) or a permanent condition (in place until further notice, with annual reaffirmations from the Board of Education).

Our current list of 18 identified and approved “Serious Safety Hazards” by IDOT dates back to the early 1980s, with the most recent finding being approved four years ago (for the neighborhood northwest of Edgewood). The attached Resolution is being presented for Board approval, along with copies of the original requests and determinations for each finding. We are not aware of any new potential serious safety hazards (since September of 2021 when we submitted the Edgewood request) and to our knowledge, none of the existing findings should be withdrawn. With Board approval of this Resolution, we would then move forward to complete the ISBE Transportation Reimbursement Claim in August. This claim provides over \$1M annually in State of Illinois Student Transportation Categorical Reimbursement monies to the school 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 approve the attached Resolution reaffirming the Serious Safety Hazard Findings, as determined by IDOT and confirmed by the Board for the 2024-2025 school year, as required by law. With Board approval the Administration will use the determinations when preparing the 2024-2025 State Student Transportation Reimbursement Claim.