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Ms. Sodke,

Per your request I have reviewed the Unusually Hazardous Transportation (UHT) Plan and the Secondary School UHT Plan for the Wausau School District. Both plans include addresses which are inside two miles from their respective elementary and secondary schools and would normally not offer transportation but have been declared unusually hazardous by the District and First Student.

The areas reviewed include the following: Stettin Elementary School UHT Zone, Rib Mountain Elementary School UHT Zone, South Mountain Elementary School UHT Zone, Thomas Jefferson Elementary School UHT Zone 1 and Zone 2, GD Jones Elementary School UHT Zone 1, Zone 2, and Zone 3, Riverview Elementary School UHT Zone, Franklin Elementary School UHT Zone 1 and Zone 2, John Marshall Elementary School UHT Zone, and John Muir Middle School and Wausau West High School UHT zone.

In reference to the plans provided, I have no further suggestions. I believe the plans provided look out for the best interest of the student's safety. The following were considered: Age of pupils, lack of sidewalks, lack of crossing guards, lack of local law enforcement, railroad crossings, width of shoulder of road/highway, traffic counts, temporary hazards such as construction projects or street repairs, and other conditions identified by local units of government.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michael Van Offeren

Lieutenant

Highway Safety Coordinator Marathon County Sheriff's Office

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