

May 17, 2018

Dr. Ed J. Condon  
River Forest District 90  
7776 Lake St.  
River Forest, IL 60305

Dear Dr. Ed J. Condon,

In partnership with the school districts of West Cook, the West 40 Regional Safe Schools Program again offers our services to partner with districts and serve as an extension of the mission to provide a strength-based environment of learning for students who may be suspended, expulsion eligible, or expelled and readmitted.

It has been another tremendous year for our shared students to turn challenges into opportunities and trials into triumphs. Although there is no adequate way to communicate all the changes made or lessons learned, we wanted to share a couple highlights that reflect the power of partnership!



**West 40 Regional Safe School student Luis Escobar wins the Illinois Coalition for Educating At-Risk Youth (ICEARY) Outstanding Student of the Year Award and earns Leyden Pride recognition.** Luis Escobar was thirteen when he lost his brother in an act of gang violence. Since that traumatic loss, he battled his own addiction, environmental pressures, and has found the strength to recommit to his health, family, and education. His story of trial and triumph inspired students and staff alike and he was recognized for his determination and courage.



**West 40 Regional Safe School students attend leadership training hosted by the Illinois Coalition for Educating At-Risk Youth (ICEARY) in Springfield.** HARBOR students met with alternative education students throughout the state to learn leadership and communication skills. Students met with Illinois State Representatives Chris Welsch and Linda Chapa La Via and discussed issues relevant to the needs of at-risk youth.





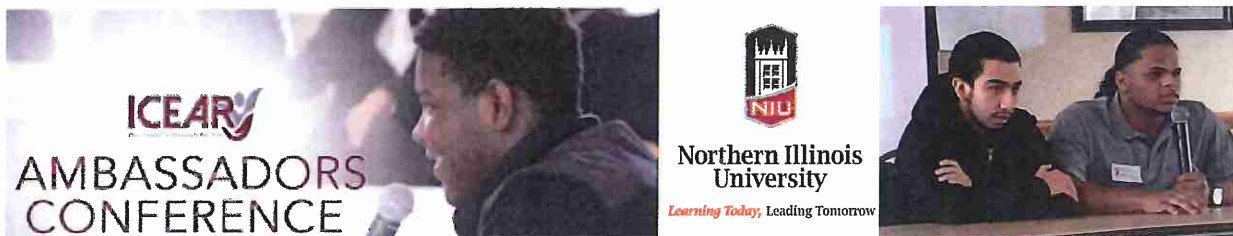
**West 40 Regional Safe School students testify at the Illinois State Board of Education.** West 40 Safe School students testified about their challenges, experiences, and needs to the Illinois State Board of Education. These students spoke on behalf of thousands of young men and women who attend Regional Safe Schools throughout the State of Illinois.



**West 40 Regional Safe School high school students balance work and school in the Cooperative Education Program.** The West 40 Regional Safe School-High School, HARBOR Academy, participates in the Regional Safe School Cooperative Education Program. The students receive on-the-job site coaching, career and college readiness courses, and assistance with everything from job applications to scholarships. In the last school year, 80% of age eligible high school students were employed.



**West 40 Regional Safe Schools students hosted an alternative education student Leadership Academy at Northern Illinois University.** Safe School students and staff hosted the Illinois Coalition for Educating At-Risk Youth student spring leadership training for alternative education students on the campus of Northern Illinois University (NIU). Safe School students led in the creation of a day that focused on building self-advocacy skills, self-awareness, social awareness, self-management, decision-making, and developing healthy relationships. Students from Leyden participated in serving on the student panel. The day also included meetings with the placement office and presentations about a variety of NIU programs for first generation college students.





**West 40 Regional Safe School students engage in academics, family, learning about healthy risk-taking and success!** Whether celebrating the strengths of families at family nights, traversing through the ropes course, talking to Representatives Chapa La Via and Welch, or creating patterns that lead to academic success, Safe School students are asked to reclaim, restore, and grow every day.



**West 40 Regional Safe School Graduates.** In 2017-2018, we celebrate the accomplishment of our graduates. Students that had previously been unsure of their educational path were afforded the chance to try again.



Angel Miguel Devante Adanis Julian Aaron Evan Emilio



Jimmy Julian Emely Juan Christian Amaya Andrew Summer



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The opportunity our partnership schools provide for students as they proudly walk across the stage is a reframing event that lasts for generations. These lives and the lives of their families, both present and future, are forever changed! **Thank you for another wonderful year of partnership!**

Enclosed you will find the Intergovernmental Agreement for fiscal year 2019 between West 40 ISC #2 and River Forest for the purpose of transferring students into the West 40 Regional Safe Schools Program (RSSP). With the changes in the state mechanism for school funding, the Regional Safe Schools are unclear as to how state funding will be calculated. Currently, no RSSPs in the state are receiving new dollars for students we are serving. As we prepare for all possible scenarios, daily tuition has been increased approximately 4% or \$5.00 per day.

Please ensure a representative from your School Board signs both copies, and return one to West 40 ISC #2, 4413 Roosevelt Road, Suite 104, Hillside, IL 60162.

We thank you for your continued partnership to serve all young people and families. We stand ready to serve as an extension of your mission and look forward to our continued walk with you in service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Tiemann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Karen Tiemann

West 40 Regional Safe Schools Program Director



**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT 2018-2019**

This Agreement is dated this first day of July, 2018, by and between the West 40 Intermediate Service Center ("West 40") and Board of Education, River Forest District 90, Cook County, Illinois.

RECITALS

- A. In 1995, the Legislature adopted Article 13A of the Illinois School Code, the "Safe Schools Law" (SSL).
- B. Pursuant to Section 10 of SSL, West 40 is responsible for administering SSL programs within the Intermediate Service Center No. 2 Region.
- C. West 40 has submitted a "Regional Safe Schools Program Proposal for the West 40 Intermediate Service Center No. 2 Region" (the "Proposal"). A description of the Regional Safe Schools Program is set forth on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- D. River Forest District 90, agrees to cooperate with West 40 ISC #2 in making its claim for evidence-based funding so that funds will be properly appropriated to West 40 for the services provided in this Agreement.
- E. All districts participating in "Regional Safe Schools Program" in the West 40 ISC #2 Region shall pay tuition to West 40 ISC #2 set forth on Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- F. West 40 Regional Safe Schools Program operate as established by 105 ILCS 5/13A of the Illinois School Code.

Program capacity is determined by evaluating safety and instructional needs. The program standard is one classroom instructor for every ten students. If enrollment exceeds the acceptable instructor/student ratio or creates a safety concern, then a waiting list may be created.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED BY AND BETWEEN WEST 40 AND DISTRICT 90, as follows:

Section 1: Incorporation of Recitals. The Recitals set forth herein above are incorporated herein.

Section 2: Agreement to Administrative Transfer of Students. District agrees to the Administrative Transfer of students to the West 40 Regional Safe Schools Program for the duration of the students' enrollment in the Alternative Program.

Section 3: Term. This Agreement shall run for the 2018-2019 school term as determined by the West 40 RSSP calendar. Dated this first day of July, 2018.

West 40 Intermediate Service Center No. 2  
By: 

Board of Education, River Forest District 90  
By: \_\_\_\_\_



## EXHIBIT "A"

### West 40 Intermediate Service Center #2 Regional Safe Schools Program

#### HARBOR Academy High School

The West 40 Regional Safe School-High School, HARBOR Academy, provides academic instruction, academic and personal counseling, service-learning activities, physical education, and college and career directed instruction. These courses are created and taught by members of the West 40 Regional Safe School team. Alternative Education Plans, or AEPs, are created by students, parents and HARBOR staff. Social Services are provided by West 40 Regional Safe School staff and mental health partnership agencies.

#### West 40 Regional Safe School-Middle School

The West 40 Regional Safe School-Middle School serves students in sixth through eighth grade that fit the Regional Safe School guidelines. These students may be referred by any of the thirty elementary school districts and one unit district located in West Cook County. The West 40 Regional Safe School-Middle School Program provides academic instruction, academic and personal counseling, service-learning activities, physical education, and career development instruction. These courses are created and taught by members of the West 40 Regional Safe School team. Alternative Education Plans, or AEPs, are created by students, parents and Middle School staff. Social Services are provided by West 40 Regional Safe School staff and mental health partnership agencies.



## EXHIBIT "B"

### Tuition Schedule 2018-2019

### West 40 Intermediate Service Center Regional Safe Schools Program

Tuition: \$120.00 per day after initial enrollment

- The 2018-2019 school year constitutes 9.5 months; two and a half weeks in August, one week in June and 9 full months (September through May) not to exceed 180 days.
- Tuition invoices will be calculated based on student enrollment dates.
- Tuition invoices will be sent on a monthly basis.