

To: Board of Education

From: Margo Empen, Superintendent

Subject: Action Item – Approve the IDOT Application for Hazardous Crossing – June 24, 2026

PROPOSED MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

That the Board approves the IDOT application for hazardous crossing, as presented.

Moved by _____; Seconded by _____

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

Recommendation:

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. Last year, the Board expressed interest in submitting applications for two different locations in town; 1) Galena Road between N. Court and Chamberlin St. and 2) Galena Road near 4th Street. The process is outlined in the School Safety Busing and Instructions for Submitting Finding document produced by IDOT.

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.

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Enclosed there are two applications prepared for submission of the locations outlined above. The location from N. Court to Chamberlin meets the guidelines for approval, however the Galena and 4th Street location does not meet the guidelines.

It is the recommendation of Administration that the Board of Education approve the submission of the IDOT application for the consideration of the Galena Road crossing between N. Court and Chamberlin Road, as presented.

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