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To: The Board of Education and Dr. Patrick Broncato, Superintendent  
From: Curt Saindon, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services/CSBO  
Date: June 13, 2025  
Subject: Hazardous Crossing/Serious Safety Hazard Determination Discussion

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Pursuant to the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/29-3) all school districts who provide student transportation services must annually review any existing and approved serious safety hazards, per the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), to determine whether or not the hazardous condition still exists. If so, then the Board must reconfirm the finding so the students affected by the finding can still qualify for State Categorical Transportation Reimbursement for their related costs and expenses for the upcoming year (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 for a specific area or neighborhood. 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 reaffirmation from the Board of Education).

Our current list of 18 identified and approved “Serious Safety Hazards” by IDOT dates back to the early 1980’s, with the most recent finding being approved for Edgewood School in the Fall of 2021. Attached is a draft of the Resolution that will be presented for approval in July, along with copies of the original requests and determinations for each finding. This information is being provided for information and discussion in June, and we would then ask for Board approval of the Resolution in July. We are not aware of any new potential serious safety hazards in place since September of 2021, when we submitted for the neighborhood just northeast of Edgewood with no sidewalks, and to our knowledge none of the existing findings should be withdrawn. With Board approval of this Resolution and the related list in July, we would then move forward to complete the ISBE Transportation Reimbursement Claim in August. This claim provides about \$800K to \$1.2M annually in State Mandated Categorical Transportation Claim Reimbursements to the school district to help cover the approximately ~\$3M in reimbursable regular student transportation expenses we incur each year. The rest of the needed revenues come from our transportation property tax levy and some related interest earnings and payments from other LEA’s and parents for transportation services.



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As always, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to let me know. Thank you.