

Executive Summary: Joint Resolution: Safe Routes to School Grant

Meridian CUSD #223 and the Village of Stillman Valley have jointly adopted a resolution to support the district's application for the Illinois Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Grant.

Background

The resolution focuses on sidewalk construction along Pine Street, improving pedestrian safety for students traveling to Highland Elementary and Stillman Valley High School. This year's SRTS grant cycle is exceptionally competitive, as no state or local match is required—making it more accessible than in previous years.

This marks at least the fourth application attempt by the district to secure funding through this program. Both entities remain committed to pursuing future opportunities that prioritize student safety and walkability.

Through this resolution, both the school district and village agree to:

- Collaborate on the grant application process
- Support infrastructure improvements that encourage safe biking and walking to school.
- Advocate for long-term community safety enhancements.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Education consider approval of the Joint Resolution: Safe Routes to School Grant which will improve the safety of students and families traveling to and from Highland Elementary and Stillman Valley High School.