



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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TO: Dr. Carol Kelley, Superintendent of Schools
Board of Education

FROM: Paul Starck-King, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations

SUBJECT: Village of Oak Park- State Grant for Safe Routes to School

DATE: October 9, 2018

Summary:

Administration has received the following request from the VOP Village Manager:

“The Village has an opportunity to apply for State Grant funding through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) 100% federal funding safe routes to schools to:

- Encourage children to walk and bike to school
- To make walking and biking to school safer and a more appealing option
- To facilitate planning and implementation of projects that improve safety and reduce traffic within 2 miles of grade and middle schools

Applications are due to the State by November 19, 2018. A resolution supporting the grant application from School District 97 is required to apply for the grant. In addition, the Schools must complete parent surveys and student tallies to be included in the applications (my staff can work with your staff on the details).

If awarded, the Village would be required to pay up front for construction and construction management of the project and be reimbursed by the State.

We have projects that would improve safety, but no funding available, including safety improvements at uncontrolled school crossings of major streets. The improvements at uncontrolled school crossings of major streets typically would include installing rapid rectangular flashing beacons and bump outs at select locations. The application would be for \$200,000.

Is there a staff person [or board member] I can connect our Village Engineer with to review the details? We have a short timetable and would need the Board of Education approval by mid-November to meet the application deadline. Thanks in advance for considering and let me know.”

Administration is seeking guidance as to whether the board is interested in (per the highlights above):

1. Resolving to support the VOP grant application.
2. Directing staff to complete parent surveys and student tallies.
3. Directing staff [or board member] to connect with the VOP Village Engineer to review details.