



RANTOUL CITY SCHOOLS
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To: Illinois Department of Transportation, District 5
From: Scott Woods, Superintendent
Date: June 18, 2025
Re: Serious Safety Hazard Finding 2025-2

Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year attendance boundaries for our school district will change, resulting in students living less than 1.5 miles from school but experiencing a serious safety hazard on their regular walking route. For Finding 2025-1, some students who previously attended Northview Elementary School will now be assigned to Broadmeadow Elementary School. This will result in students with a walking route that will require them to cross W Champaign Ave (Route 136) as well as the CN Chicago Subdivision Train Line. Because of this we are submitting a Combination Hazard of Type III and Type IV.

To determine the Type III, we utilized IDOTs annual average daily traffic count data at the allowable 10% factor. We also contacted the Village of Rantoul to determine the width of the road.

Board Judgement Points: The Board chose to assign two (2) judgement points for this crossing. The posted speed limit is 45 mph, but there are flashing lights at a pedestrian crossing to reduce speed to 20 mph in a school zone. The 20 mph is frequently not observed, and it is the Board's judgement that traffic is exceeding 45 mph regularly. If the district can apply the posted 45 mph

To determine the Type IV, we accessed publicly available train schedule information for the CN Chicago Subdivision Line as well as Amtrak. We also consulted Amtrak's publicly available "on time" data to confirm that their routes frequently are late, resulting in traveling through Rantoul during school travel hours. Based on this information, conservatively, there will be at least two daily trains during school crossing periods. Additionally, we confirmed with the Village of Rantoul that trains are permitted to travel through the Village at greater than 40 mph.

Attached is a map showing the affected areas as well as the Serious Safety Hazard Finding form.



Illinois Department of Transportation

Serious Safety Hazard Finding

A publication entitled "School Safety Busing and Instructions for Submitting Findings" is available from the Illinois Department of Transportation, 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois 62764. The school administrator preparing this submittal should refer to the instructions in the booklet.

Two copies of this form are to be submitted to the IDOT District Office indicated in the instruction booklet. The IDOT District Office will approve or disapprove the submittal within thirty (30) days and return one copy to the school district indicating the action taken.

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| Name of School District Rantoul City Schools | | | | Address of Administrative Office 1 Aviation Center Drive Rantoul, IL 61866 | |
| District # 137 | County Champaign | City Rantoul | Zip Code 61866 | | |
| Name of Contact Representative Scott Woods | | | Title Superintendent | Phone Number (217) 893-5400 | |
| Name of School to Which Children Are Walking Broadmeadow | | | Annual Sequential Number (Use on Map and Attachments) 2025-2 | | |

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|--|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Type of Condition | 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Single Hazard | Type | |
| | 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Combination Hazard | Type | III and Type IV |
| Location | 3. Along (Street or Road Name) _____ | | |
| Attach a map showing the described location(s). | 4. Type I | From _____ | To _____ |
| | 5. Type II | From _____ | To _____ |
| | 6. Type III | At W Champaign Ave (Route 136) | |
| | 7. Type IV | At CN Chicago Subdivision Line | |

Type I – Walking Along a Roadway

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| Points Complete only for types listed on lines 1 or 2. | 8. Highest qualifying grade level (through _____ grade) | _____ | Points Table 1 |
| | 9. Location of walkway | walkway (on shoulder _____ feet from roadway) OR (behind curb or ditch _____ feet from roadway) | Points Table 2 |
| | 10. Speed of traffic (_____ mph) | _____ | Points Table 3 |
| | 11. Volume of traffic (_____ vehicles/hour) (_____ lanes) | _____ | Points Table 4 |
| | 12. Length of hazardous section (_____ miles) | _____ | Points Table 5 |
| | 13. Board's judgment points (attach explanation) | _____ | Points |
| | 14. Total of lines 8 through 13 | _____ | Points |

Type II – Walking on a Roadway

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| 15. Highest qualifying grade level (through _____ grade) | _____ | Points Table 6 |
| 16. Reason for walking on roadway: | (No shoulder or walkway off pavement for _____ feet, OR Narrow bridge or underpass for _____ feet) | Points Table 7 |
| 17. Speed of traffic (_____ mph) | _____ | Points Table 8 |
| 18. Volume of traffic (_____ vehicles/hour) (_____ lanes) | _____ | Points Table 9 |
| 19. Length of hazardous section (_____ miles) | _____ | Points Table 10 |
| 20. Board's judgment points (attach explanation) | _____ | Points |
| 21. Total of lines 15 through 20 | _____ | Points |

**Points
(Continued)**

Type III – Crossing a Roadway (Name of roadway being crossed W Champaign Ave (Rt 136))

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| 22. Highest qualifying grade level (through <u>8th</u> grade) | <u>5</u> | Points Table 11 |
| 23. Control on roadway being crossed (<u>Adult Crossing Guard</u>) | <u>0.5</u> | Points Table 12 |
| 24. Speed and volume of traffic (<u><30</u> mph) (<u>1270</u> vehicles/hour) | <u>2</u> | Points Table 13 |
| 25. Width of roadway (<u>55</u> feet) | <u>2</u> | Points Table 14 |
| 26. Board's judgment points (attach explanation) | <u>2</u> | Points |
| 27. Total of lines 22 through 26 | <u>11.5</u> | Points |

Type IV – Crossing Railroad Tracks

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| 28. Highest qualifying grade level (through <u>8</u> grade) | <u>5</u> | Points Table 15 |
| 29. Crossing protection and number of tracks: (<u>Yes</u> protection; <u>2 sets</u> tracks used) | <u>2</u> | Points Table 16 |
| 30. Speed and number of trains: (<u>> 40</u> mph; <u>2</u> trains) | <u>3</u> | Points Table 17 |
| 31. Board's judgment points (attach explanation) | | Points |
| 32. Total of lines 28 through 31 | <u>10</u> | Points |

Finding

33. ☐ Single hazard qualifies since _____ points in a Type _____ situation equals or exceeds 12.
34. ☒ Combination hazard qualifies since the total of 11.5 points in a Type III situation and 10 points in a Type IV situation equals or exceeds 20.
35. ☐ Hazard is temporary for _____ school year (resubmit annually).
36. ☐ No hazard

Certification

I hereby certify that the date in this application, including accompanying maps and statements, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Board approval was given on 06/18/2025 , and the minutes of this meeting bear evidence of this approval.

Date

06/18/2025

Date

Signature of Secretary or President of Board of Education
or Board of Directors

Action by Illinois Department of Transportation

Date Submittal Received _____, 20 _____

Serial No. _____

☐ Approved

☐ Disapproved for corrections, additions, or clarifications noted in transmittal letter.

☐ Disapproved for reason or reasons noted in transmittal letter.

Date

Signature of IDOT Regional Engineer

Reimbursement Estimate (This information will have no effect on IDOT's action on the submittal.)

- Approximately how many students will annually be qualified for busing by this submittal that did not previously qualify for reimbursable busing? _____ students
- What is the projected additional annual reimbursement that will result from this submittal? \$ _____

2025-2

Northview

Broadmeadow

Pupils Residence Areas

Map of Rantoul, Illinois, showing streets and landmarks. Key streets include N Century Blvd, E Grove Ave, E Sangamon Ave, N High St, N Sheldon St, N Kentucky Ave, N Gerrard St, N Penfield St, N Tanner St, W Letchworth St, W Campbell Ave, W Grove Ave, Highland Dr, W Champaign Ave, Broadmeadow Rd, James Rd, Mary Alice Rd, Gerald Rd, and S Lincoln St. Landmarks include Rantoul Township High School, Rantoul Amtrak, Wabash Park, and the Illinois Secretary Facility. A pink shaded area is labeled 'Pupils Residence Areas'. A blue box labeled 'Northview' is in the top left. A blue box labeled 'Broadmeadow' is in the bottom right. A yellow box with '2025-2' is in the top left.