



RANTOUL CITY SCHOOLS
BROADMEADOW-EASTLAWN-NORTHVIEW-PLEASANT ACRES
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To: Illinois Department of Transportation, District 5
From: Scott Woods, Superintendent
Date: June 18, 2025
Re: Serious Safety Hazard Finding 2025-3

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 Broadmeadow Elementary School will now be assigned to Northview Elementary School. This will result in students with a walking route that will require them to cross N Century Blvd (Route 45) 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.

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.

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 Northview			Annual Sequential Number (Use on Map and Attachments) 2025-3		

Type of Condition	1. <input type="checkbox"/> Single Hazard	Type
	2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Combination Hazard	Type <u>III</u> and Type <u>IV</u>
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 <u>N Century Blvd (Route 45)</u>
	7. Type IV	At <u>CN Chicago Subdivision Line</u>

Type I – Walking Along a Roadway

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

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 N Century Blvd (Route 45))

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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>Traffic Signals</u>) | <u>2</u> | Points
Table 12 |
| 24. Speed and volume of traffic (<u>45</u> mph) (<u>690</u> vehicles/hour) | <u>3</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) | | Points |
| 27. Total of lines 22 through 26 | <u>12</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 12 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.)

1. Approximately how many students will annually be qualified for busing by this submittal that did not previously qualify for reimbursable busing? _____ students

2. What is the projected additional annual reimbursement that will result from this submittal? \$ _____

2025-3

United Fuel Company

Chicago Ave
15th St

Student Residence
W Leitchworth St

Residence
W Leichworth St

Indian Hills Dr

W Grove Ave

Glenwood Dr

Highland Dr

Rantoul Amtrak

N Kentucky Ave

N Garrard St

N Century Blvd

E Grove Ave

E Sangamon Ave

High St

E Campbell Ave

Eden Park Dr

N

Church

Eastview Dr

Briarcliff®

E Grove,

Northview

Sheldon St

Rantoul Township
High School

Broadmeadow Rd

James Rd

Mary Alice Rd
Gerald Rd

S Tanner St

E Wabash Ave

S Century Blvd

Rantoul

W Champaign Ave

Illinois Secretary
of State

Broadmeadow

Wabash Park

Community Service
Center of Northern...

S Lincoln St

Urbana Ave