



PUTNAM COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #535

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September 16th, 2025

Illinois Department of Transportation
Safe Routes to School
Secretary Gia Biagi
2300 S. Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL 62764

Dear Secretary Biagi,

As stated in its general letter of support from August 19th, 2025, Putnam County CUSD #535 (District) fully supports the Village of Granville's application for an Illinois Safe Routes to School grant through the Illinois Department of Transportation. The District also supports the proposed construction of a sidewalk on its primary and high school campus.

Students and families regularly travel between the two schools, typically walking along a connecting road that is used by personal vehicles and school buses. This route is also commonly used by members of the public. The addition of a sidewalk would provide a safe walking and biking path for students, families, and the broader community.

The District understands that this project may require one or more easements. The District is supportive of granting necessary easements, provided that doing so does not require the forfeiture of any District property or ownership rights. In addition, the District recognizes that it may be responsible for ongoing sidewalk maintenance, including but not limited to lawn care and snow removal.

Sincerely,

Dr. Clayton J. Theisinger
Superintendent