

May 10, 2019

Dear Dr. Ed J. Condon,

Thank you for another year of partnership to serve all kids!

It has been a tremendous year for our shared students to turn challenges into opportunities and trials into triumphs. Although there is no adequate way to communicate all the changes made or lessons learned, we did want to share a couple highlights that reflect our West40 Pride!



West40 Safe School students welcomed Senator Lightford and members of ISBE.
West40 students met with Illinois State Senator Kimberly Lightford and Illinois State Board of Education representatives to discuss issues relevant to the needs of at-risk youth.



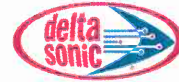
West40 Regional Safe School students testify at the Illinois State Board of Education.

West40 students testified about their challenges, experiences and needs to the Illinois State Board of Education. These students spoke on behalf of thousands of young men and women who attend Regional Safe Schools throughout the State of Illinois.





West40 Regional Safe School students balance work and school in the High School Cooperative Education Program. The West40 Regional Safe School-High School, HARBOR Academy, continues to participate in the Regional Safe School Cooperative Education Program. The students receive on-the-job site coaching, career and college readiness courses, and assistance with everything from job applications to scholarships. In the last school year, over 80% of age eligible high school students enrolled at HARBOR were employed.



West40 Regional Safe School students hosted an alternative education student Leadership Academy at Northern Illinois University. West40 students and staff hosted the Illinois Coalition for Educating At-Risk Youth student spring leadership training for alternative education students on the campus of Northern Illinois University (NIU). West40 students led in the creation of a day that focused on building self-advocacy skills, self-awareness, social awareness, self-management, decision-making and developing healthy relationships. Students from Leyden participated in serving on the student panel. The day also included meetings with the placement office and presentations about a variety of NIU programs for first generation college students.



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West40 Regional Safe School students engage in academics, family, learning about healthy risk-taking and success! Whether celebrating the strengths of families at family nights, traversing through the ropes course, talking to Senator Lightford, visiting colleges or engaging in patterns that lead to academic success, students are asked to reclaim, restore and grow every day.



Enclosed you will find the Intergovernmental Agreement for fiscal year 2020 between West40 ISC #2 and River Forest School District 90 for the purpose of transferring students into the West40 Regional Safe Schools Program (RSSP). With the changes in the state mechanism for school funding, the Regional Safe Schools are unclear as to how state funding will be calculated. However, we are hopeful to be placed in the Evidenced Based Funding (EBF) model, and in anticipation of that are **decreasing tuition** by approximately 4% or \$5.00 per day.

Please ensure a representative from your School Board signs both copies, and return one to West40 ISC #2, 4413 Roosevelt Road, Suite 104, Hillside, IL 60162.

We thank you for your continued partnership to serve all young people and families. We stand ready to serve as an extension of your mission and look forward to our continued walk with you in service.

Sincerely,

Karen Tiemann

West40 Regional Safe Schools Program Director



INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT 2019-2020

This Agreement is dated this first day of July, 2019, by and between the West40 Intermediate Service Center ("West 40") and Board of Education, River Forest School District 90, Cook County, Illinois.

RECITALS

- A. In 1995, the Legislature adopted Article 13A of the Illinois School Code, the "Safe Schools Law" (SSL).
- B. Pursuant to Section 10 of SSL, West40 is responsible for administering SSL programs within the Intermediate Service Center #2 Region.
- C. West40 has submitted a "Regional Safe Schools Program Proposal for the West40 Intermediate Service Center #2 Region" (the "Proposal"). A description of the Regional Safe Schools Program is set forth on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- D. River Forest School District 90, agrees to cooperate with West40 ISC #2 in making its claim for evidence-based funding so that funds will be properly appropriated to West 40 for the services provided in this Agreement.
- E. All districts participating in "Regional Safe Schools Program" in the West40 ISC #2 Region shall pay tuition to West40 ISC #2 set forth on Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- F. West40 Regional Safe Schools Program operate as established by 105 ILCS 5/13A of the Illinois School Code.


Program capacity is determined by evaluating safety and instructional needs. The program standard is one classroom instructor for every ten students. If enrollment exceeds the acceptable instructor/student ratio or creates a safety concern, then a waiting list may be created.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED BY AND BETWEEN WEST40 AND River Forest School District 90 as follows:

Section 1: Incorporation of Recitals. The Recitals set forth herein above are incorporated herein.

Section 2: Agreement to Administrative Transfer of Students. District agrees to the Administrative Transfer of students to the West40 Regional Safe Schools Program for the duration of the students' enrollment in the Alternative Program.

Section 3: Term. This Agreement shall run for the 2019-20 school term as determined by the West40 RSSP calendar. Dated this first day of July, 2019.

West40 Intermediate Service Center #2
By: 

Board of Education, River Forest School District 90
By: _____



EXHIBIT "A"

West40 Intermediate Service Center #2 Regional Safe Schools Program

HARBOR Academy High School

The West40 Regional Safe School-High School, HARBOR Academy, provides academic instruction, academic and personal counseling, service-learning activities, physical education, and college and career directed instruction. These courses are created and taught by members of the West40 Regional Safe School team. Alternative Education Plans, or AEPs, are created by students, parents and HARBOR staff. Social Services are provided by West40 Regional Safe School staff and mental health partnership agencies.

West40 Regional Safe School-Middle School

The West40 Regional Safe School-Middle School serves students in sixth through eighth grade that fit the Regional Safe School guidelines. These students may be referred by any of the thirty elementary school districts and one unit district located in West Cook County. The West40 Regional Safe School-Middle School Program provides academic instruction, academic and personal counseling, service-learning activities, physical education, and career development instruction. These courses are created and taught by members of the West40 Regional Safe School team. Alternative Education Plans, or AEPs, are created by students, parents and Middle School staff. Social Services are provided by West40 Regional Safe School staff and mental health partnership agencies.



EXHIBIT "B"

West40 Intermediate Service Center Regional Safe Schools Program

Tuition Schedule 2019-20

Tuition: \$115.00 per day after initial enrollment

- The 2019-20 school year constitutes 9.5 months; two and a half weeks in August, one week in June and 9 full months (September through May) not to exceed 180 days.
- Tuition invoices will be calculated based on student enrollment dates.
- Tuition invoices will be sent on a monthly basis.