



McLean County

Unit District No.5

Educating each student to achieve personal excellence.

TO: McLean County Unit 5 Board of Education

CC: Dr. Kristen Weikle, Superintendent

FROM: Shane Hill, Director of Safety & Security

DATE: June 2026

SUBJECT: Annual Review of Identified Safety Hazards for Student Transportation (2026–2027)

In accordance with Section 29-3 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/29-3) and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), Unit 5 conducts an annual review of serious safety hazards along student walking routes.

Illinois law permits school districts to provide transportation to students residing within 1.5 miles of their school if an Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) certified safety hazard exists.

School districts must annually review documented hazards and seek Board approval for their continuation to maintain state transportation reimbursement.

Following a review by the Director of Safety & Security, Finance Department, First Student Transportation, and the Executive Director of Operations, no changes are recommended to the District's existing hazard designations for the 2026–2027 school year.

Current IDOT-Certified Safety Hazard Areas

The following schools continue to have certified safety hazards that justify transportation services for eligible students residing within 1.5 miles of the school:

School	Roadway Hazards	Railroad Crossing	Limited Sidewalk Infrastructure
Carlock Elementary	X	X	X
Cedar Ridge Elementary	X		
Fairview Elementary	X		
Fox Creek Elementary	X		
Glenn Elementary	X	X	
Northpoint Elementary	X		
Parkside Elementary	X		
Pepper Ridge Elementary	X		
Towanda Elementary	X	X	X
Kingsley Junior High	X	X	X

Chiddix Junior High	X	X	X
Evans Junior High	X		X

Recommendation

Based upon the annual review conducted by District staff and transportation partners, it is recommended that the Board of Education approve the continuation of all currently identified and IDOT-certified safety hazards for the 2026–2027 school year. No changes to existing hazard designations are recommended at this time.

Respectfully submitted,



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McLean County Unit 5 Schools