

FOR ACTION

Lisle Community Unit School District No. 202 Board of Education Meeting July 27, 2026

SUBJECT: Board Determined Free Transportation

RECOMMENDATION: The Administration recommends that the Board authorize free busing for the 2026–2027 school year for K–12 students residing within 1½ miles of the school attended who must cross a serious safety hazard. Pre-K students will continue to be eligible to ride the morning and afternoon K–5 routes consistent with this authorization.

BACKGROUND DATA: The State Board of Education requires the District to provide free transportation for students residing at a distance of 1 ½ miles or more from any school to which they are assigned for attendance. The District MAY also provide free transportation for any students residing within 1 ½ miles of their assigned school where conditions make walking to or from school a serious safety hazard (e.g., crossing Lincoln Ave/Route 53, Maple Ave, Ogden Ave., or Yackley Ave). In each of these scenarios, the State reimburses the District for a portion of the transportation costs for students in grades K-12.

Pre-K students will continue to be permitted to ride the regular morning and afternoon K–5 bus routes using existing standardized bus stops. As established beginning with the 2025–2026 school year, the District no longer operates a dedicated mid-day route for general education Pre-K students.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Continuing this practice avoids the cost of operating a dedicated mid-day route for general education Pre-K students, which previously cost the District approximately \$35,000 annually and was not eligible for state reimbursement. Implementation of this policy for K–12 students does not result in any additional cost to the District.

SUGGESTED MOTION: That the Board of Education authorize the busing for the 2026-2027 school year for all K-12 students residing within 1 ½ miles of the school they attend who must cross a serious safety hazard between their legal residence and the school.