



Geneva Community Unit School District 304

Dear Members of the Board of Education,

I am writing to formally recommend the removal of the hazardous road condition designation for GMS students for the section of Kaneville Road from Sunset Drive to Lewis Road, effective for the 2027–2028 school year. This timeline provides families and staff ample opportunity to adjust to the change.

Using the Illinois State Board of Education’s hazard evaluation system and applying the criteria to the two relevant categories—walking along a roadway and crossing a roadway—neither condition independently meets the threshold for a designated hazard. Even when the two are combined and assessed under the most challenging possible circumstances along this stretch of roadway, the criteria for a hazard are still not met.

Several improvements have also occurred over the years that further reduce risk along this route:

- A stop sign has been installed at Peck Road and Kaneville Road, slowing traffic at a key intersection.
- The posted speed limit from Peck Road to Fargo Boulevard has been reduced from 40 mph to 30 mph.
- A crossing guard is present during both morning arrival and afternoon dismissal, providing direct support for students crossing the roadway.

Removing the hazard designation also supports districtwide equity. Elementary students across the district walk along and across comparable roadways as part of their daily route to school. A closely aligned example is the route used by Harrison Street School students, who walk along and cross East Side Drive each day under similar conditions.

Based on the ISBE criteria, the documented roadway improvements, and the need for consistent expectations across the district, I recommend that the hazardous road condition designation for this section of Kaneville Road be removed beginning in the 2027–2028 school year.

Thank you for your consideration.

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