

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA STATEMENT

No. 8 c

MEETING OF March 10, 2021

Reviewed By

Item Title:

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the recommendation regarding
Hazardous Transportation Routes

Superintendent

Personnel

Finance

SUBMITTED BY Katie Jo Parrott, Business Manager

Contact Person/Telephone

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL

Katie Jo Parrott 247-2116
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SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Board is being asked to approve the District's Hazardous Routes for the 2021-2022 school year.

ISSUE:

Board Policy 3541 establishes the authority of the Board of Education to designate transportation routes as hazardous. AR 3541(b)(130) calls for the school board to "approve hazardous routes on an annual basis... for a maximum of one school year." Additionally, the policy states, "The Superintendent shall make recommendations to the school board each spring for the following school year."

BACKGROUND:

Hazardous routes refer to areas that are too dangerous for students to walk on but ones which would not normally be served by a bus due to their proximity to schools without approval from the Board. Therefore, with the Board's approval, a route is created or extended to serve those areas within one and one-half miles of the attendance center, i.e. school, without additional charges to the student or student's family. Designating a route hazardous allows for regular pupil transportation to commence for students living within proximity to the area school.

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval of the Hazardous Routes for the 2021-2022 school year via Board Resolution 21-02.

FISCAL NOTE

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	REQUIRED	AVAILABLE

ATTACHMENT:

- *Board Resolution 21-02*
- *Hazardous Routes Policy Memo*

RECOMMENDED ACTION (IF not approved under the Consent Calendar):

"I move that the Board of Education adopt Resolution 21-02 regarding the designation of Hazardous Routes."



KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 21-02

HAZARDOUS ROUTE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a large number of students that attend school in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District live within 1.5 miles of the schools; and

WHEREAS, the roads within these 1.5 mile ranges are heavily traveled; and

WHEREAS, many of the roads within the 1.5 mile range do not receive consistent road maintenance, nor do some have adequate lighting; and

WHEREAS, the inclement weather and reduced number of daylight hours affect walking conditions; and

WHEREAS, there are limited crosswalks and sidewalks paralleling these roads; and

WHEREAS, the intersections in these areas are hazardous for pedestrians, and

WHEREAS, the safety of the students is the primary concern of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District Board of Education seeks to provide safe, consistent, accessible, and reliable pupil transportation to all students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District Board of Education hereby designates all district bus routes as hazardous routes for the duration of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

*Adopted by the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District Board of Education
on this 10th day of March, 2021.*

Kim Hodne, Board President

Bridget Mattson, Board Clerk-Treasurer

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Memo

To: Board of Education
From: Katie Parrott, Acting Superintendent
CC: Kerry Watson, Board Clerk
Date: February 22, 2020
RE: FY22 Hazardous Bus Routes Recommendation

Per BP 3541 the Board may designate hazardous transportation routes within the minimum walking distance when such routes are unsafe.

Per AR 3541(b) 130 Hazardous Routes:

1. Those routes within one and one-half miles of an attendance center which cannot be safely traveled by children because of traffic, weather, or other hazards may be designated by the school board as hazardous routes.
2. The school board shall approve hazardous routes on an annual basis. A hazardous routes designation applies only during the period that the hazard exists and for a maximum of one school year.
3. The Superintendent shall make recommendations to the school board each spring for the following school year.

Given the factors listed in AR 3541(b) section 1, all KGBSD pupil transportation routes have historically been deemed as hazardous routes. We are recommending this practice continue for the 2020-2021 school year.

Please see accompanying Board of Education Resolution 21-02 re: Hazardous Routes.