

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AGENDA STATEMENT

No. 8 c.

MEETING OF March 22, 2023

Reviewed By

Title:

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion to approve Resolution 23-03, regarding Hazardous Transportation Routes for the 2023-2024 school year.

Superintendent

Finance

SUBMITTED BY Daniel Schuler, Business Manager

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL

CONTACT

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Superintendent

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Board is being asked to approve the District's Hazardous Routes for the 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 school year via School Board Resolution 23-03.

FISCAL NOTE

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ATTACHMENT:

- *School Board Resolution 23-03*
- *Hazardous Routes Policy Memo*

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

"I move that the Board of Education **adopt Resolution 23-03 regarding the designation of Hazardous Routes for the 2023-2024 school year.**"



## **KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **RESOLUTION 23-03**

#### **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, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

*Adopted by the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District Board of Education  
on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2023.*

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**Stephen Bradford, Board President**

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**Nicole Anderson, Board Clerk-Treasurer**



# Memo

**To:** Michael Robbins, Superintendent  
**From:** Daniel B. Schuler, Business & Operations Manager  
**CC:** Crystal Vail, Board Clerk  
**Date:** March 14, 2023  
**RE:** FY2023-2024 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. Seeing as there are no recommendations for changes in routing for fiscal year 2023-2024, I am recommending this practice continue for the 2023-2024 school year.

Please see accompanying School Board Resolution 23-03 re: Hazardous Routes.