

### NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) who must provide transportation to and from school **because free transportation is not available for their children** may be eligible to receive money from the state to help offset some of the cost, for example, bus fares or mileage reimbursement for private automobiles at \$0.505 per mile.

If you can answer **yes** to the following questions for the 2008-09 school year, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for providing such transportation.

- 1) Will the pupil be under the age of 21 at the close of the school year?
- 2) Is the pupil a full-time student in grades kindergarten through 12?
- 3) Does the pupil either live 1 1/2 miles or more from school or live less than 1 1/2 miles from school but **must be transported** due to a serious safety hazard approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation? (See following paragraphs.)
- 4) Does the pupil attend a school within Illinois which meets Illinois compulsory attendance laws?
  
- 5) Did the parent/guardian incur transportation expenses resulting from transporting the pupil to and from school?
  
- 6) Did the pupil not have access to transportation to and from school provided entirely at public expense?
  
- 7) Did the parent/guardian reside within Illinois during the time period expenses were incurred?

If you answered yes to the above questions, lived in Illinois and wish to file a claim, you must go to the school where each of your children is enrolled by June 30, 2009, to submit claim information. You may provide claim information to appropriate school personnel at your child's attendance center until June 30, 2009.

In addition, parent(s)/guardian(s) who have pupils living **less than 1 1/2 miles** from the school attended must verify that a safety hazard due to vehicular traffic exists by completing an Application for Determination of Serious Safety Hazards. Parents can obtain a copy of the Application for Determination of Serious Safety Hazards from the Office of the Regional Superintendent of Schools for the county in which they reside **except** parents residing within the City of Chicago. Chicago residents can receive a copy of the Application for Determination of Serious Safety Hazards from the Illinois State Board of Education, Division of Funding and Disbursement Services, 100 North First Street, Springfield, IL 62777. All applications for Determination of Serious Safety Hazards must be received no later than February 1, 2009, at the office from which the application was requested. Example: ISBE (Chicago residents), ROE (Illinois residents other than those residing in Chicago). The Regional Superintendent of Schools is required to send the Application to the Illinois Department of Transportation within 15 days. The Illinois Department of Transportation reviews and approves or denies the application and returns it to the Regional Superintendent of Schools within 30 days. Upon receipt of the reviewed application, the Regional Superintendent of Schools will mail it to the parent/guardian who requested the safety hazard be verified. **If the safety hazard is approved, the parent/guardian must go to the school the pupil attends to submit claim information.** Parents who received verification of a safety hazard during and after the 2005-2006 school year, whose children attend the same school and live at the same address do not have to reapply for safety hazard verification.

Once all claim information is submitted at the school, it will be transmitted electronically to the Illinois State Board of Education. If your claim information is approved, you should receive a check directly from the state for the lesser of the cost of transporting your child/children or the average per pupil reimbursement paid to public schools for transporting regular education pupils. If insufficient funds are appropriated by the General Assembly, all claims will be prorated.

If you have any questions, please call or come to the school as soon as possible.

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### **AVISO A LOS PADRES O GUARDIANES**

Los padres o guardianes legales quienes tienen que proveer transportación de ida y vuelta a la escuela debido a **que no existe transportación gratuita para sus niños** quizás sean elegibles para recibir reembolso del estado para ayudar con dichos gastos. Por ejemplo, podrían recibir reembolso por el costo del pasaje en autobús o reembolso por el uso de automóviles privados a razón de \$0.505 por milla.

Si Ud. responde que **si** a las siguientes preguntas para el año escolar 2008-09, Ud quizás sea elegible para recibir reembolso por proveer dicha transportación.

- 1) ¿Será el estudiante menor de 21 años de edad al cierre del año escolar?
- 2) ¿Está el estudiante matriculado por tiempo completo en los grados de kindergarten hasta el grado 12?
- 3) ¿Vive el estudiante a 1 ½ millas o más de distancia de la escuela o vive a menos de a 1 ½ millas de la escuela pero **debe de ser transportado** debido a peligros de seguridad según aprobados por el Departamento de Transportación de Illinois (Illinois Department of Transportation) (ver los párrafos que siguen)?
- 4) ¿Asiste el estudiante a una escuela en Illinois que cumple con los requisitos legales de Illinois de asistencia mandataria?
- 5) ¿Ha incurrido el padre o guardián gastos de transporte como resultado de llevar y traer al niño a la escuela?
- 6) ¿No tenía acceso el estudiante a transportación de ida y vuelta a la escuela proveído enteramente por costo del público?
- 7) ¿El padre o guardián radica dentro del estado de Illinois durante el periodo de tiempo que los gastos fueron incurridos?

Si Ud. ha contestado que **si** a las preguntas antedichas, ha vivido en Illinois y desea hacer una petición, Ud debe de ir a la escuela donde cada uno de sus niños esta matriculado antes del 30 de Junio de 2009 y completar el formulario de reclamación. Estos formularios de reclamación se encontrarán en las escuelas hasta el 30 de Junio de 2009.

Además, los padres o guardianes de estudiantes que vivan **a menos de 1 ½ millas** de distancia de la escuela a la cual asisten deberán verificar que existen peligros de seguridad debido al tráfico de vehículos. Esta verificación se puede hacer completando una solicitud para Determinación de Serios Peligros De Seguridad (Application for Determination of a Serious Safety Hazard) en la oficina del Superintendente Regional de Escuelas del condado en el cual radican, **excepto** aquellos que radican dentro de los límites de la ciudad de Chicago. Los residentes de Chicago pueden recibir una copia de la solicitud para Determinación de Serios Peligros De Seguridad (Application for Determination of a Serious Safety Hazard) directamente de Illinois State Board of Education, Division of Funding and Disbursement Services, 100 North First Street, Springfield, Illinois 62777. Todas las solicitudes para Determinación de Serios Peligros De Seguridad (Application for Determination of a Serious Safety Hazard) deben ser recibidas antes del 1 de Febrero de 2009, en la oficina de donde se mandaron pedir. Ejemplo:

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