



RESOLUTION # 18-10/25

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 10-8

BOARD ACTION

Adopted:
For: 28
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 1
Vote Req: 1
Other Action: -

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD ACTION

Adopted: Y
For: 8
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: -1

RE: AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR STATE FUNDING FOR THE COUNTY-WIDE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2028 THROUGH 2030.

WHEREAS, Wisconsin youth obesity rates have increased to 19% and adult obesity rates are at 36%* and obesity contributes to increased development of chronic disease and lowered life expectancy; and,

WHEREAS, the La Crosse County Safe Routes to School Program increases physical activity among K-12th grade children & families by educating about and encouraging safe and active commuting to and from school; and

WHEREAS, the La Crosse County Safe Routes to School Program and partner organizations including public and private school districts and communities, (La Crosse, Onalaska, Holmen, West Salem and Bangor), Metropolitan Planning Organization, La Crosse Area Planning Committee, La Crosse Public Library, local law enforcement agencies and community groups such as the Safe Kids Coalition of the Coulee Region, the Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, positively impacted students and their families; and,

WHEREAS, from 2007 to 2025, approximately \$1,508,922 in grant funding was awarded to La Crosse County from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School grant program for implementation of Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure activities, and

WHEREAS, current grant funding for Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure activities will sustain the program from 2025 through mid-2028 in the amount of \$570,577 through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternative Program (TAP), with a required 20% match;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the La Crosse County Transportation Alternatives Program's application for state funding in the amount of \$598,494 (with a required 20% match of \$119,699) for state fiscal years 2028, 2029, and 2030 in order to continue providing this service to schools, children and families in La Crosse County.

FISCAL NOTE: Acceptance of this grant will require a 20% match of \$119,699 to be levied as part of the 2028, 2029 and 2030 budgets. The personnel and operating costs related to this ongoing grant are tracked under division 200.240.3583 within the County financial system under the Administration and Operations section of the Health Department.

Date: 10-7-25

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD CHAIR

Jeff Buchholz

RECORDING CLERK

Co. Admin. _____
Fin. Director *[Signature]*
Corp. Counsel _____

Recommended

Not Recommended

Reviewed Only

Requested By: Audra Martine
Date Requested: Sept. 24, 2025
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 16 Day of October, 2025

*State of Obesity 2024: Better Policies for a Healthier America Report. Trust for America's Health, [Trust for America's Health \(tfah.org\)](http://Trust for America's Health (tfah.org))

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 16th day of October 2025.

[Signature]
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk

La Crosse County													
School District / School	School Enrollment	Grades of Students at School	Estimated # of students currently walking to school	Estimated # of students currently biking to school	Does the school have any policies related to walking or biking?	Distance eligibility for riding a bus	# of children not eligible for busing	# of students eligible for busing because of a hazard situation	% of students living within 1 mile of the school	% of students living within 2 miles of the school	% of students eligible for free or reduced cost school meals	Total Population for the School District	Communities served by school
La Crosse School District													
Emerson Elementary	296	PK-5th	50	20	Yes	2 miles from the school	All (except 4k and SPED)	0	45%	90%	33%	5187	Town of Campbell, town of Medary, North and Southsides of La Crosse, downtown La Crosse, various neighborhoods, town of Shelby, City of La Crosse.
Hamilton/SOTA Elementary	248	PK-5th	130	20	Yes	2 miles from the school	237	0	39%	47%	90% Hamilton, 22% SOTA		
Hintgen Elementary	192	PK-5th	30	10	Yes	2 miles from the school	66	68	41%	70%	81%		
North Woods International School	243	PK-5th	10	5	Yes	2 miles from the school	4	14	9%	11%	62%		
Northside Elementary/Coulee Montessori	241	PK-5th	12	5	Yes	2 miles from the school	230	0	59%	83%	85%		
Southern Bluffs Elementary	337	PK-5th	10	5	Yes	2 miles from the school	27	145	15%	51%	35%		
Spence Elementary	281	PK-5th	75	5	Yes	2 miles from the school	223	17	50%	85%	50%		
State Road Elementary	280	PK-5th	40	10	Yes	2 miles from the school	75	101	30%	63%	38%		
Summit Elementary	283	PK-5th	10	15	Yes	2 miles from the school	71	95	24%	49%	54%		
Logan Middle	469	6th-8th	50	12	Yes	2 miles from the school	216	0	32%	46%	60%		
Longfellow Middle	603	6th-8th	100	35	Yes	2 miles from the school	330	56	31%	64%	47%		
La Crosse Polytech High	87	9th-12th	15	10	Yes	2 miles from the school	43	0	16%	49%	37%		
Central High	942	9th-12th	150	50	Yes	2 miles from the school	509	84	23%	63%	43%		
Logan High	685	9th-12th	30	10	Yes	2 miles from the school	346	0	34%	50%	51%		
Onalaska School District**													
Eagle Bluff Elementary*	471	PK-5th	10	10	Yes	2 miles from the school	0	480	20%	60%	24%	2884	Onalaska
Irving Pertzsch Elementary*	385	PK-5th	Unknown	50	Yes	2 miles from the school	300	100	75%	25%	52%		
Northern Hills Elementary*	477	PK-5th	150	50	Yes	2 miles from the school	>400	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	48%		
Onalaska Middle	625	6th-8th	100	50	No	2 miles from the school	350	50	25%	55%	30%		
Onalaska High	926	9th-12th	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	<2	62	31	(applied for busing)	(applied for busing)	31%		
Holmen School District***													
Evergreen Elementary	321	KG-5th	Unknown	Unknown	Yes	Outside of the neighborhoods next to school ~1 mile	64	166	29%	22%	27%	3695	Onalaska, Holmen
Prairie View Elementary	485	PK-5th	Unknown	Unknown	Yes	Neighborhood south less than .5 miles	26	82	4%	22%	20%		
Sand Lake Elementary	390	4K-5th	30	15	Yes	Depends on the area and what road students need to cross. The walking zone includes areas 1 mile or less.	40	200	35%	65%	32%		
Viking Elementary	465	4K-5th	Unknown	Unknown	Yes	Outside of 1 mile walkable radius busing provided	60	Unknown	24%	89%	26%		
Holmen Middle	857	6th-8th	Unknown	Unknown	Yes	Neighborhood north and south about .5 miles	15	332	13%	39%	25%		
Holmen High	1177	9th-12th	Unknown	Unknown	Yes	Neighborhood south and surrounding, about 1 mile	79	380	8%	39%	26%		
Bangor School District													
Bangor Elementary, Middle, and High	657	PK-12th	25	5	Yes	Less than 2 miles and not crossing a major hazard.	325	112	10%	27%	30%		Townships of Bangor, Burns, Farmington, Hamilton, Leon, Sparta, Washington, Villages of Bangor and Rockland
West Salem School District													
West Salem Elementary	659	PK-4th	50	Unknown	Yes	2 miles from the school	136	199	21%	39%	26%	2097	Barre, Farmington, Greenfield, Hamilton, West Salem
West Salem Middle	541	5th-8th	Unknown	Unknown	Yes	2 miles from the school	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	27%		
West Salem High	590	9th-12th	Unknown	15	No	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	20%		
Private Schools in La Crosse County													
1st Evangelical Lutheran*	158	K-8	10	4	No	3 miles from school	155	0	30%	50%	3%	N/A	La Crosse, Tomah, Sparta, La Crescent, Bangor, Stoddard, Holmen, Onalaska, Arcadia, Cashton, Coon Valley, De Soto, Fountain City, Genoa, Hokah, Melrose, Norwalk, Trempealeau, West Salem,
Aquinas Middle and High	487	7th-12th	15	10	Unknown	N/A	N/A	N/A	25%	35%	10%		
Blessed Sacrament	173	3rd-6th	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown		
Cathedral Elementary	152	3P-2nd	15	3	Yes	2 miles from the school	40	5	5%	40%	7%		
Christ St. John's	94	PK-8th	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	N/A		
Coulee Christian High	74	9th-12th	0	1	No	They are eligible as long as they live within West Salem or Onalaska School Districts	Unknown	0	1%	1%	N/A		
Immanuel Lutheran	71	PK-8th	8	2	Yes	2 miles from the school	Unknown	61	25%	40%	20%		
Luther High	227	9th-12th	Unknown	Unknown	No	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown		
Mt. Calvary-Grace*	72	PK-8th	12	6	Yes	2 miles from the school	36	0	25%	50%	10%		
Providence Academy	95	PK-12th	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown		
St. Patrick's Onalaska	224	PK-6th	Unknown	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown		
St. Paul's Bangor	38	PK-8th	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown		
St. Paul's Onalaska	264	PK-8th	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown		

Does the school have any policies related to walking or biking? Safe Routes to School language has been incorporated into all school district wellness policies with the exception of the School District of Bangor and the School District of Holmen. Holmen has a dedicated website page that lists their Safe Routes to School policies for each school within the district. Schools participating in the Safe Routes to School mini-grant program are encouraged to include and/or update walking and biking information along with Walking School Bus information in parent/student handbooks.

Total Schools in County:	44
Participating SRTS Schools in County:	Varies
Total School Districts in County:	5
Participating School Districts in County:	5

Notes:

Safe Routes to School activities target Kindergarten-8th grade schools, but some demographic information may include Pre-K.

[When school population totals and Free and Reduced percentages were not provided, www.nces.ed.gov was used to obtain the information.](https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/datacenter/ipedsdatacenter.asp)

*Data was used from 2023 if school did not respond with information

**Onalaska only tracks transportation data for students who apply for transportation. The data provided in the table above for Onalaska Middle and High schools is not representative of the total student population.

***Holmen school district does not have a set distance for bus eligibility currently. Many of their walk to school areas are designated as school zones and are shaped by UNT Zones instead (i.e. highways).