Etoile Academy Charter School District
Local Policy on Hazardous Traffic Conditions and High-Risk Violence Areas

Policy Number: Hazard Policy 2024.1 **Effective Date**: _____

1. Purpose

This policy aims to define hazardous traffic conditions and high-risk areas for violence within the Etoile Academy Charter School District, ensuring the safety of students who walk to and from school. It also aims to identify areas eligible for transportation services and establish supervision and community engagement protocols.

2. Definitions

- **Hazardous Traffic Conditions:** Areas within two miles of school campuses where traffic patterns pose a significant risk to pedestrian safety, including but not limited to high-volume roadways, poorly marked crossings, and areas with frequent accidents involving pedestrians.
- **High-Risk Violence Areas:** Zones within two miles of school campuses are characterized by a high incidence of violent crimes, as identified by local law enforcement agencies.

3. Identification of Areas

The Houston Police Department's Crime Statistics and Community Crime Map has also been utilized to identify areas with hazardous traffic conditions and high-risk violence near EACS campuses.

- **Hazardous Traffic Conditions**:
  - Bissonnet Street between Beltway 8 & Hwy 69 due to infrastructure.
  - Country Creek Street, north of Bissonnet due to infrastructure.
- **High-Risk Violence Areas:**
  - Westwood Neighborhood
  - Braeburn & Braeburn Glen Neighborhoods
  - Shenandoah & Gulfton Neighborhood
  - Sharpstown Neighborhood
  - Meyerland Park Area

4. Consultation with Local Law Enforcement

The district will collaborate with local law enforcement agencies to:

- Identify walking routes within two miles of campuses with a high incidence of violent crime.
- Collect and maintain consolidated supporting documentation regarding crime statistics and traffic conditions.
- Review and update identified areas annually or as needed based on new data.

5. Transportation Service Eligibility

Students residing within the identified hazardous traffic and high-risk violence areas are eligible for route service. The district will provide transportation alternatives to ensure their safety while commuting to school within 10% of total bus transportation stops through community-based stops of 5 or more bus riders per stop.

6. Communication and Documentation

The district will maintain transparency by:

- Providing parents, guardians, and the community with information regarding hazardous traffic conditions and high-risk areas.
- Submitting necessary documentation to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) regarding identified hazardous areas and consultation outcomes with local law enforcement.

7. Review and Revision

This policy will be reviewed annually, and revisions will be made as necessary to respond to changing traffic patterns and crime statistics conditions.

8. Approval

This policy has been reviewed and approved by the Etoile Academy Charter School on the ____ day of _____ in the year of _____.

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This policy is designed to protect the safety of students while promoting safe walking routes and responsible community engagement.