Welcome to the July 2020 update from the Transportation Division. Sorry for the delay in sending. The August Update is planned for mid-month.

Extended School Year (ESY). Student transportation for ESY started on Monday, July 13, 2020. Pupils are being transported to three sites, Cool Spring Elementary, Kenneth W. Culbert Elementary, and Steuart Weller Elementary.

If you, your staff or a parent needs to call with an ESY transportation issue the following numbers in the Transportation Call Center may be used. Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

- **Cool Spring Elementary**: Central Transportation Area, telephone: 571-252-1775
- **Kenneth W. Culbert Elementary**: West Transportation Area, telephone: 540-751-2580
- **Steuart Weller Elementary**: Ashburn Transportation Area, telephone: 571-252-1776
- Or call 571-252-1700 and at the voice prompt select
  - 1 for Cool Spring in the Central Area
  - 2 for Steuart Weller in the Ashburn Area
  - 5 for Kenneth Culbert in the West Area
- Parents can also be directed to submitting issues to the Transportation Concern Registry. There is a link on the Transportation homepage [https://www.lcps.org/transportation](https://www.lcps.org/transportation) (please see picture for location)
The Community Meals program is continuing through the summer. School Nutrition Services and Transportation divisions of the Support Services Department continue to support the community through meals available for pickup at one of 28 school sites or by school bus delivery across the County. Bus meal deliveries are Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Weekly updates of bus meal stop changes (added, removed, time changes) are sent to all Principals, all Assistant Principals, and certain Central Office staff.

Please remind your households the program will continue over the summer.

**IMPORTANT Meals program links:**

- School Nutrition Services homepage: [https://lcpshealthycafe.org/](https://lcpshealthycafe.org/)
- Community Meal Service interactive map prepared by the Planning Division: [https://lcps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=615171005a9a4ccf8f38c86b387632a0](https://lcps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=615171005a9a4ccf8f38c86b387632a0)
- Transportation homepage: [https://www.lcps.org/Transportation](https://www.lcps.org/Transportation)

**Here Comes the Bus®**. This easy-to-use mobile app and website uses GPS tracking information to allow signed up student households to see when their child’s bus is within a user defined proximity to their assigned bus stop.

The app was adapted for use with bus meal deliveries during COVID-19. The app notifies registered households when a meal delivery bus is approaching their household’s assigned stop. 2,797 accounts supporting 3,694 students are active.

Transportation surveyed users and changes were made in response to the feedback received back.

**Here Comes the Bus® links and contact information**

- LCPS created website: [https://www.lcps.org/herecomesthebus](https://www.lcps.org/herecomesthebus). The site has an extensive set of FAQs with links, videos, and help guides (available on the site in English, Spanish, Farsi, Arabic and Vietnamese).
- For problems with a Here Comes the Bus® account or bus related issues send issues to the Transportation Concern Registry at: [https://lcps.webforms.issuetrak.com/concernregistry/](https://lcps.webforms.issuetrak.com/concernregistry/)
Transportation anticipates continuing Here Comes the Bus® for the 2020 – 2021 school year.

**School Monitor.** Software that allows a school to see the status of buses assigned to the school, including scheduled times/actual times, bus status and similar information. Access is through a password protected account. This is in anticipation of returning to transportation of students by school bus for the 2020 – 2021 school year. School Monitor is not for use with the bus meal delivery program.

- Bus location information is for internal use only – as a matter of student/staff safety and security.
- Please submit the names and email addresses of your staff who you want to use School Monitor to Jeanmaire.Ciaci@lcps.com

**Congestion Must Go.** The Congestion Must Go campaign continues. The campaign is focused on minimizing traffic congestion in and around school campuses, surrounding road networks and neighboring communities. The goal of the “Congestion Must Go” campaign is to actively promote bus ridership, walking, and biking while increasing student safety. The Congestion Must Go website contains useful information and materials that can be shared with your staff and student households. Reach the site directly at:

https://www.lcps.org/Page/218006

It can also be reached through the Transportation button on the ribbon on the LCPS homepage. From the Transportation homepage you can find the Congestion Must Go info page on the left-hand side and then a link to connect you to the site.

To contact the Congestion Must Go task force please reach out to CongestionMustGo@lcps.org.

**ALT 2020.** Transportation is offering a session during ALT 2020.

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All the best and take care.

Sincerely,

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