Welcome to the June 2020 update from the Transportation Division.

**Walk Zones.** The annual walk zone review is complete. Recommendations were presented to the Student Support and Services Committee at their May 21, 2020 meeting. Three schools were briefed with changes, additions or establishment: Evergreen Elementary School, J. L. Simpson Middle School and Lightridge High School. Affected student households were notified on May 29, 2020. The walk zone maps have been updated to the 2020-21 school year on the Transportation website.

**Community Meals program.**

The School Nutrition Services and Transportation divisions of the Support Services Department are continuing to support the community through meals served 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. Over 2,700 accounts are active.

Transportation recently completed a survey of users and changes are being made in response to the feedback received back from the users.

**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).

• Problems with a Here Comes the Bus® account or bus related issues should be sent to the Transportation Concern Registry at: [https://lcps.webforms.issuetrak.com/concernregistry/](https://lcps.webforms.issuetrak.com/concernregistry/)

• Or they can email to: HCTBLoudoun@LCPS.org

Transportation anticipates continuing Here Comes the Bus® for the 2020 – 2021 school year.

**School Monitor.** This software 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. School Monitor is not intended 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 Jeanaire.Ciaci@lcps.com

**Congestion Must Go.** The Congestion Must Go campaign is continuing. 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, biking and carpooling, 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](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.

All the best and take care.

Sincerely,

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