



## HERE COMES THE BUS

As a parent, your child's safety is important to you. No parent wants to have their children waiting at the bus stop any longer than they need to. You don't want them standing by the side of the road in the cold or rain, or exposed to risks on days when driving conditions are less than favorable. And you don't want them missing the bus!!

Phase 1 of this program will be implemented for BUS TRANSPORTATION ONLY. Other vehicles will be phased in at some point in the near future.

You and your children will now know when your bus has entered your neighborhood with Here Comes the Bus. A customizable map enables you to see, in real-time, exactly where your children's bus is. With your smartphone or tablet you can even customize the Here Comes the Bus app to send you notifications when your bus is near, or let you know when there has been a schedule change. We still encourage you to have your children at the bus stop 5 minutes before the scheduled pick up time.

You can:

- Get real-time information on the exact location of your child's bus
- Track multiple buses if your children don't all ride the same bus

While the HCTB bus application has other features, those are being reviewed and evaluated with no defined plans or timeframes for implementation.

Here Comes the Bus is powered by Synovia Solutions software. It's the same software that tracks over 125,000 vehicles a day. It provides school transportation directors the ability to receive real-time data on the location of each of their school buses. They can then use the information about the whole fleet to compare planned and actual routes, while improving on-time compliance and route compliance.

### **Customizable Messaging Feature**

The school or transportation provider can send custom messages to parents using Here Comes the Bus as an email to any connected device or a push notification to a cell phone in real-time or as a scheduled event.

Example messages could include:

- Notice of a 2 hour delay in school start
- Service issues affecting the entire fleet
- Service issues affecting a single bus
- District-wide announcements
- Single school announcements

Downloading *the Here Comes the Bus* APP will be **Effective 10/1/2018**

I Phone or Android go to APP store "HERE COMES THE BUS"

- Create Account
- School code 87701

- Your child's student number
- Last Name.... Follow all prompts.

Questions or problems should be sent to [wweghorst@hhsd.org](mailto:wweghorst@hhsd.org).