# TRANSPORTATION UPDATE



June 2, 2025





## HIRING



Administrative Assistant was hired

146 drivers and monitors are currently in the process of testing for pre employment drug and alcohol

47 are still in the process of background checks

49 have applied but not fully submitted applications

With a goal of 220-230 drivers for the 2025-2026 school year



## SOFTWARE



Transfinder Plus has been purchased for routing software

\*turn by turn directions

\*parent app field trip software

timekeeping and maintenance software

Zonar GPS software allows connection to the parent bus tracking app and telematics for the bus

Here Comes the Bus is being reconfigured to use route numbers instead of asset numbers

<sup>\*</sup> indicates items that will be phased in over time



## **EQUIPMENT**



Zonar GPS Tablets have been purchased and are in the process of being installed - this will allow for future turn by turn directions as well as child accountability of riders

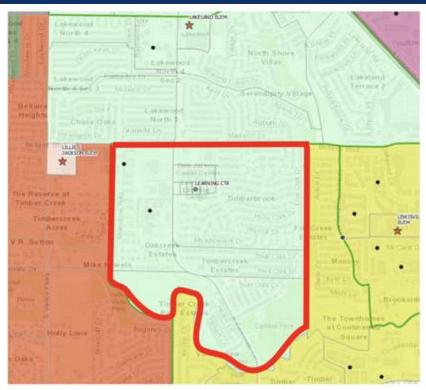
Zonar equipment will be added to all critical points on the outside of the bus for vehicle inspection

Service trucks have been ordered and received and soon will be outfitted with the necessary repair equipment for service outside of the bus barn repair shop



### **HAZARDOUS ROUTE UPDATE**





#### 104 -Lakeland Elementary

The area outlined in red would receive bus service due to students having to walk across Bellaire Blvd.



## LOOKING AHEAD



Routing vendor is working with our current data to establish and build the 25-26 bus routes.

\*Turn by Turn directions will be implemented after routing is reviewed, when this change happens, we will also institute the new Parent bus tracking app.

\*Student RFID will be investigated as an effort to better track students when they get on and off the bus (utilizing current ID badges)

Identification signs using animal symbols for all buses will be placed by the bus doors to help our youngest riders identify their bus. Example: "Lion" sign on a bus makes it easier to campuses to match young students to their bus



## LOOKING AHEAD



Working with Communications to update information on Website and film a video for students and parents about safety features of our buses and other important transportation information for them to know

Working to hire Assistant Director, Maintenance Technicians

Evaluating condition of buses and physical inspections