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Good Afternoon Parents and Guardians,

The Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation has launched a new program called "Here Comes the Bus." We all understand that mornings can be stressful as most of us are multi-tasking to get our kids out the door and to the bus stop on time. During Indiana's winter, dark mornings and inclement weather make things that much worse. With that in mind, our Transportation Department has been hard at work equipping our buses with a GPS system linked to a phone "app" (Here Comes the Bus) designed to give parents access to their student's bus location in real-time. This will allow you and your children the ability to see your bus's location; therefore, kids will not have to leave the warm confines of home until absolutely necessary. Additionally, as many of you know, the Mt. Comfort/Olio Rd (to name one of many areas) can become quite congested. If your child's bus is running behind, it allows for a little peace of mind.

- "Here Comes the Bus" will be rolled out a few buses at a time; the bus driver will give the student a flyer when their bus is active.
- Information on "Here Comes the Bus" can be found under the "Parents" drop-down on www.mvcsc.k12.in.us, under "Bus Information", or www.mvcsc.k12.in.us/HereComesTheBus

Additional bus enhancements to be completed within the next couple of weeks include:

- External bus cameras placed above the stop arm of MVCSC school buses. The camera records when the stop
 arm is extended, enabling the bus driver to pull the video for law enforcement if a car illegally passes a bus while
 stopped.
- Included in this package will be internet wi-fi. This will allow students to access homework assignments while on a bus, either to and from home, field trips, extra-curricular activities, or athletic events.
- Information can be found in THIS website article.

The bottom line for us at Mt. Vernon is to provide as many opportunities for your child to be successful, while at the same time mitigating risk to provide safe situations. Thank you and have a great evening.

Respectfully,

Shane

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