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Mt. Vernon Community Bus Riders:

After some modifications over the summer, the administrative team at Mt. Vernon Community Schools and the transportation department are excited to announce the release of new and improved internet access for students on school district buses. With student riding times, including trips to extra curricular activities, we feel it is important to provide our students high speed internet on the bus. This will help students stay connected to parents, relatives, friends and to help provide access for school related projects and homework.

A special thanks goes out to the transportation team along with JR Gayman and his team at "Tech Innovation" who have worked hard implementing the technology and will continue to fine tune the new systems as the year progresses. The technology implementation is made possible by routing all data and communications to a Virtual Private Network and an industry leading CIPA filter (Child Internet Protection Act) that helps whitelist/blacklist sites and categories. The Mt. Vernon School Corporation also encourages parents to be aware of CIPA policies to help administer any non-school issued device or home wifi connection:

<https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/childrens-internet-protection-act>

All students can connect with the following process:

- **Ensure their device "Wifi Settings are On"**
- **Click on the buses specified router using the 4 digit bus code (provided by bus driver)**
- **Enter the following password: **student1** (all lowercase and no spaces)**
- **Launch internet browser or applications to connect**

Also, there have been questions on the status of the "Here Comes the Bus" app that allows parents to view where their child's bus is in real-time. This program is being replaced with a different GPS program and we will share it with you as soon as it is ready.

Sincerely,

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