

## DCAS Adds School Buses to Fleet Tracking

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While many staff were taking long anticipated summer breaks in late August, DCAS Fleet Staff scaled up a major new initiative to add vehicle location tracking to 4,700 school buses before school began last week. As has been discussed publicly, this tracking will assist DOE and parents in locating buses and children in cases of emergency. The tracking will also offer new analytical, safety, and maintenance tools to the school bus program.

School buses are now the largest single fleet being tracked through our Fleet Office of Real Time Tracking (FORT). The school buses have received the same technology which has also been installed on 12,000 City owned fleet vehicles from 53 separate agencies and offices.



DOE will be able to monitor the location of these buses in real-time. DOE and school companies will also receive maintenance and servicing alerts as well as collision alerts and crash reports. DOE and DCAS will work together to develop other types of safety and operational reporting to identify and improve driving risks and efficiencies. DOE will also be separately adding functionality to support school services and customer service as the year proceeds.



DCAS Fleet staff from our Fleet Office of Real Time Tracking (FORT) and our other units have been working days, nights, and weekends to get the program in place. We have coordinated installs with 34 separate school bus companies, OPT, and our vendor Geotab throughout the City. We are also working to train users on managing system data, maps, and alerts.

In the last year, DCAS has been increasing its support of the Office of Pupil Transportation (OPT) at DOE and the telematics partnership is now the most extensive of these joint projects. In a previous newsletter, we discussed our efforts to introduce Vision Zero safety training for school bus operators. We are also partnering on fleet sustainability efforts, which

we will have more to say about soon. OPT representatives also now join us at our Fleet Federation meetings.

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