



**RE: mTransport - School Transportation Tool**

**EAST HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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**June 23, 2022**

Dear Parent(s),

Our school has been selected to participate in a project called mTransport in the 2022-2023 school year.

The main objective for implementing this project is to improve the safety of all students that travel to school by bus. This program involves integrating a secure tool that will allow us to monitor in real time students that are absent, present, boarding or leaving their school bus.

This project will be presented at our Orientation Evening on Thursday, September 15, 2022. We welcome you to join us, as we will be discussing the important features of this app.

There will be two phases to this project:

**Phase 1: Trial Period (3-4 weeks)**

At the beginning of the school year, your child will receive a new bus pass with a QR code and a plastic tie wrap. The tie wrap must be used to attach the bus pass to your child's school bag. In October 2022, when we will enter Phase 1 of the project, electronic tablets will be installed on the school buses. Whenever your child(ren) will get on or off the vehicle, they must scan their bus pass on the tablet. For this project to be a success, we will need your cooperation to ensure that your child(ren) scan their bus pass every day. During Phase 1, only the EMSB employees and the transportation personnel will have access to the system, to allow the bus drivers to familiarize themselves with the program.

**Phase 2: mTransport application**

Upon completion of Phase 1, parents will be asked to download the mTransport application on their smart phones and to start using it. This application will send you notifications when:

- Your child(ren) board(s) the bus
- Your child(ren) get(s) off the bus
- The bus leaves the stop right before yours
- The bus arrives at or leaves the school

If you do not own a smart phone, you may access this service through the mTransport web portal.

Every student being transported by Transco (school bus #100's and #200's) will be participating in the program and there will be no cost for parents who would like to use this service.

Kind Regards,

Steven Rebelo  
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