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## **Education Logistics (EDULOG) GPS Software Safeguards District from Litigation and False Claims**

**Missoula, Mont. –November 3, 2011** EDULOG’s EduTracker GPS/AVL software leads to significant savings and provides a safeguard against accusations and litigation, and for the Galena Park Independent School District (GPISD) of Texas the GPS system has proven to be extremely valuable.

“Recently, one of our drivers was accused of aggravating the injuries of a wheelchair student by driving too fast over speed bumps,” said James Beesley, director of transportation for the GPISD. “We were able to show with GPS, specifically with the speed report, that the driver did use caution and didn’t go over the speed limit. In fact, the driver had slowed to 5 mph to go over the bumps where the posted limit was 10 mph.”

According to Beesley, the student who was injured had surgery just before the incident. However, the student’s parents didn’t notify the district or the driver about the recent operation, Beesley said. Using the EduTracker report in addition to other tools provided the district with concrete and verifiable data to rebut the claim.

“Then we were able to look at the other tools we had, such as Google Earth, to see where the speed bump was,” Beesley explained. “The GPS pings were within 50 feet of the speed bump. If we didn’t have GPS and we weren’t able to confirm or deny an incident like that, almost certainly the driver would be held at fault. I am sorry that the student was injured, but it wasn’t through any negligence on the part of the driver.”

The EduTracker software transmits GPS signals as frequent as every 10 seconds, giving users the bus speed, distance traveled, and bus location, among other important information. When a user wants to find out the specifics of a bus, there are a number of reports that can be created. For this particular incident, the bus speed report played a critical role in verifying what actually happened.

“Without GPS this situation would almost have certainly been ruled on in favor of the student’s family,” Beesley said. “Leveraging technology to support your goals and to protect your interest is invaluable; we probably paid off our initial investment from this situation alone.”

But this wasn’t the only time that EDULOG’s GPS/AVL software played an important role for the district.

“In other instances, we had citizens calling in to complain about bus speed,” Beesley said. “In some instances, GPS supported the claims, in other instances, we were able to prove the bus was not speeding. The value of the system is immeasurable because in conjunction with the other things we use it helps us better manage our transportation and it makes it safer. When there’s an accusation, GPS protects the



driver if the driver is doing everything right. And when the driver isn't doing what's right we will know, too."

All of EDULOG's software clients receive top-notch project management services, unlimited support, and many other free services, such as: free webinar training, and a monthly e-newsletter packed with tips and tricks.

"EDULOG's GPS/AVL software is above the rest in its capabilities and functions and this instance from the GPISD is a great example of the true value of this solution," EDULOG's president Jason Corbally said. "Our GPS solution provides concrete, real-time data that in turn helps manage day-to-day activities accurately and efficiently. This story from the GPISD is one of dozens we hear about every year, if not every month."

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