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SHREVEPORT, LA -- The beginning of every school year is a busy time for the Caddo Parish Transportation Office. With new schedules, new routes and new students-- it can be confusing.

But one thing that's no longer in question is where each bus is located on the map.

"Our most precious cargo, our children... there was a need to know where they are at any given time," said Transportation Director Otis Jones. "He says the new GPS systems will keep every driver accountable, and it will keep parents from worrying when a bus is behind schedule.

Substitute bus driver Cindy Battles says GPS's are crucial, since she travels a new route each day. She says it's simple to radio in to central office, and dispatchers will be able to see where she is immediately.

"I expect for them to be able to find me. As soon as I call, they will have me on dot," Battles said.

She says the instant locator is another way to keep the children safe, by guiding the drivers.

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