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**East Baton Rouge Parish School System Installing Cameras on Buses**

**BATON ROUGE, La. —** The East Baton Rouge Parish School System is investing in student safety by starting to install cameras on school buses.

The project started June 23, with the district aiming to have the buses equipped by the beginning of the 2025-26 school year on Aug. 7, according to EBR Schools Transportation Director Rob Howle.

"It's exciting," Howle said. "It's going to create a safer environment because on the limited buses that we had cameras, we've seen a difference in student behavior. It's going to create some accountability for the students, parents and drivers."

The district last had operational cameras in 2016 on about 250 buses.

In April, the School Board approved a $3.5 million contract with Michigan-based Pro-Vision Solutions. The contract calls for installing five interior cameras designed to capture activity inside the bus, along with one camera on each exterior side of the vehicle.

Howle highlighted some features of the eight-camera system, which include:

* **Dual-layer video backup**: Each bus will have onboard storage via a hard drive and an SD card.
* **Live access**: District transportation staff can remotely access video feeds in real time.
* **GPS Integration**: The hard drive unit features built-in GPS modules, allowing staff to track buses and view video footage by bus number and route location.
* **Motion-sensor activation**: Cameras begin recording when motion is detected, even if the bus is turned off.

"We like their cameras because you can see everything," Howle said. "They were the most cost effective, and they allow us to take that $3.5 million and spread it into five different payments (over five years)."

Media representatives are invited to visit the bus transportation station at 3000 N. Sherwood Forest Blvd. This is an excellent opportunity to gain firsthand insight into the ongoing camera installation.

To schedule an appointment, interview transportation representatives or additional media inquiries, contact Terry Robinson, director of Communications, **at 225-367-6206** or trobinson4@ebrschools.org; or Matt McCain, public information officer, at **225-922-5584.**