



# School District No. 54 *(Bulkley Valley)*

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Dear Parents and Guardians of SD54 students.

In November of 2021, The District made the decision to move toward a card reader system to be able to meet the Motor Vehicle Act requirement of an up-to-date passenger attendance list for school bus riders. This slow roll-out pilot project started with Route #8 for Smither Secondary School students during phase one. Each student will be provided a Zonar student pass tap card. As the students enter the bus, they will tap their Zonar pass, which will upload their name, student ID and school on to the driver's paperless attendance sheet.

School District 54's transportation department is ready to move into phase two , hosting all high school students for Smithers and Houston. The Zonar pass cards are designed for lanyard attachment or backpack placement. During this roll-out, please remind your child of the importance of having their tap pass. All registered bus students will not be denied service in the event they lose or forget their bus pass and will be reminded to have their tap pass ready the following day.

Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 we will be handing out the tap-cards to Smithers Secondary & Houston Secondary registered bus students.

Thank you,

**Jeff Harden**

Transportation Foreman SD54

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