MVA debuts electronic school bus inspection system

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The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration has installed a new electronic system of reporting school bus inspections, replacing its old, paper-based system, the agency announced Thursday.

“School bus inspections are critical to ensuring the safety of our children being transported to and from school,” MVA Administrator Christine Nizer said in a statement. “This new system allows us to more efficiently monitor the safety of school buses operated on Maryland roadways.”

All 9,000 Maryland school buses are required to be inspected three times a year, according to the MVA. After an inspection is completed with the new system, the results automatically indicate whether the bus has passed or requires a repair order, the MVA said.

More than 1,500 inspections were completed in May using the new system.

The program was developed at no cost to the MVA by NIC Inc., a Kansas-based information service provider through the self-funded digital government services contract with the Maryland Department of Information Technology, the MVA said.

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