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## TransPar Group of Companies Hires Longtime Industry Leader to Join Team

School Bus Consultants Adds to its Stable of Industry Experts
To Improve School Transportation Operations

Lee's Summit, MO (January 11, 2018) – The <u>TransPar Group of Companies</u>, a partnership of three leading organizations from across the school transportation industry that offers a diverse portfolio of products and services, announced that one of its partner companies, School Bus Consultants (SBC), has added Pete Meslin as a consultant to join SBC's team of industry-leading school transportation experts. SBC is the largest and most experienced consultancy dedicated exclusively to the design, management and operations of school transportation programs.

Pete Meslin is a national leader in special needs services who has been honored for his work focused on expanding the ability of special needs students to be integrated into transportation systems in the least restrictive way feasible. Pete has been committed to improving transportation services for students with disabilities for his entire career. Whether it has been as the Director of Transportation at Newport-Costa Mesa Schools or as Director of Transportation for San Diego Unified School District, Pete's commitment was best demonstrated when he was awarded the 2016 Peter J. Grandolfo Memorial Award of Excellence for the 'Bus in the Classroom' program he developed. This program focused on enhancing both life skills and student interaction for special needs children that improves not only their school experience but the rest of their lives. Pete was also recently awarded the Golden Bell Award from the California School Board Association.

"I could not be more pleased to have Pete joining the SBC team," stated Tom Platt, President of SBC. "His wealth of experience and exceptional understanding of special needs transportation requirements will add tremendous value to our client organizations, and will bolster SBC's status as the leading advisory services provider to the industry. Pete's professionalism will be put to great use in the service of our clients, and his presence in California will bolster our continued expansion in this region. I am looking forward to working with Pete as we continue to ensure the growth and success of SBC in the future."

The team of SBC consultants simplifies complexities of districts' school transportation operations by clarifying and outlining the situation and providing strategies and solutions to enhance transportation performance. Offerings can range from operational assessments to routing and scheduling strategies to bell time change management and to insourcing and outsourcing transition among other services.

"After more than 35 years working for school districts, I am excited to be moving to SBC. I hope to reach a larger audience with creative programs. Ultimately, I'd like to help more districts serve students better and less expensively," added Pete Meslin.

For more information about School Bus Consultants, the TransPar Group of Companies and their portfolio of products and services, please visit <a href="www.TransParGroup.com">www.TransParGroup.com</a> and follow on Twitter at <a href="www.TransParGroup.com">@TPGoC</a>.

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The TransPar Group of Companies is a partnership of three leading organizations from across the school transportation industry that offers a diverse portfolio of products and services which represent the most comprehensive and responsible offering in the industry. And this is done while keeping students safe and improving the cost and quality of school transportation operations. The three business units include TransPar, which provides Management and Staffing Services to develop solutions for difficult operational questions and problems; School Bus Consultants which offers Advisory Services to deliver resources and expertise that transportation contractors and organizations often cannot access on their own; and Transportation Services Co. providing Fleet Management Services and Training Products to help customers create the strong foundation necessary to support effective service delivery. So no matter the needs, the TransPar Group of Companies is the all-inclusive solution to creating a successful, reliable, and profitable student transportation program. For more information, please visit www.TransParGroup.com.