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TransPar Group of Companies to Discuss How to Transport More Students Without More Buses

Industry Thought Leaders to Conduct Webinar Discussing Alternatives in School Transportation and the Challenges School Officials are Pressed to Respond to

Charleston, SC (December 3, 2018) – The <u>TransPar Group of Companies</u> is partnering with industry trade publication, School Bus Fleet, to co-host the <u>webinar</u> 'How to Transport More Students Without More Buses'. The complimentary webinar is taking place on Tuesday, December 4, at 2:00pm EST and will be hosted by Tim Ammon, Chief of Business Development at TransPar Group of Companies, and Joanna McFarland, Co-Founder and CEO of HopSkipDrive, a K-12 transportation solution that delivers safe, reliable and flexible rides for kids.

"Providing access to all of the educational offerings in a school district is becoming increasingly complex," states Ammon. "Transportation Directors and other school officials are seeing an onslaught of new challenges that they are pressed to respond to daily. The expansion of foster care and homeless services, increasing special needs expectations, charter schools, alternative schedules, continued budget constraints and expanded educational offerings are stretching traditional transportation networks to, and in many cases, beyond, their limits."

The goal of the webinar is to help identify some of the best practices districts can implement to identify the most advantageous opportunities to use an alternative service provider, how transportation contracting practices need to be reconsidered to support engaging these types of providers, how districts can properly vet an alternative service provider, and how to best oversee these types of services given how different they are than traditional home-to-school services.

"We are looking forward to co-hosting this webinar with HopSkipDrive to identify how alternative transportation solutions can benefit school districts and students," added Ammon. "The challenge that school officials must meet are growing and identifying creative options that support safe, reliable, and cost effective access will be a continuing expectation of all transportation providers."

Those interested in registering for the webinar and learning about more about alternatives in student transportation can do so here or at www.schoolbusfleet.com.

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