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## **Mequon-Thiensville School District Hires New Bus Company** *Contract will Save Money and Improve Services*

MEQUON, WI. — The Mequon-Thiensville School District hired Riteway Bus Service to provide transportation services beginning August 2015. The Mequon-Thiensville School Board approved the new transportation contract during Monday’s regularly scheduled business board meeting.

The contract with Riteway Bus Service will be effective for the 2015–16 school year, resulting in first year savings of \$240,000. In addition, the bid required gas prices to become the transportation contractor’s responsibility, with additional savings realized by the district if fuel prices continue to remain low. Students in the district will experience significant vehicle improvements including all new vehicles, GPS units installed in all vehicles and cameras installed in large and small buses.

“Children’s safety is our top priority,” said Superintendent Demond Means. “We believe that Riteway will provide the care, quality and level of customer service that our families deserve and expect.”

In November, the District released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the provision of transportation services for a term of three years. As part of the RFP review process, a committee reviewed proposals based on several criteria including: quality of service; cost to the district; safety record; and quality of fleet and vehicle support systems. After reviewing the proposals and based on the criteria established, the recommendation of the committee was to accept the proposal from Riteway Bus Service.

“Transportation is an important service for our families and the second largest line item in our school district budget,” said Business Services Director Gail Grieger. “The transportation committee believes that Riteway will provide the best services at the most cost-effective price.”

The contract also includes improved performance language, penalties for late buses, and specific requirements for regular drivers.

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