



Buckling up with flexible *CareDrivers*



HopSkipDrive offers safety and savings for school district transportation services

HopSkipDrive is a leader in innovative, safe and scalable school transportation solutions. Using a proprietary platform, *RideIQ*, the company optimizes transportation plans and operations while staying one step ahead of new transportation technologies including electrification.

The partners of **HopSkipDrive** have a deep appreciation for the safe, cost-effective and efficient school transportation solution that enables visibility and transparency for ride organizers and caregivers through innovative technology.

Every **HopSkipDrive** *CareDriver* has passed background and vehicle safety checks, has a minimum of five years of caregiving experience and goes through a 15-point certification

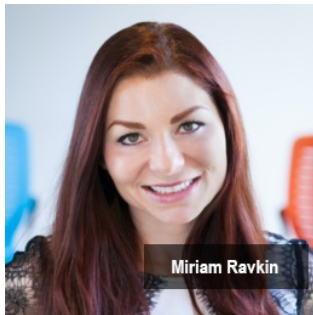
process before accessing the platform. The flexible, dynamic *CareDriver* network can be readily scaled up or down to meet school demand.

HopSkipDrive holds a firm belief that “safety is everything,” and have industry-leading safety practices in place. Albert Samora, executive director of transportation for Denver Public Schools, said his organization heavily relies on HopSkipDrive services to aid with bus driver shortage.



“**HopSkipDrive** has been a necessary and invaluable school transportation partner to Denver Public Schools,” he said. “Bus driver shortages have been challenging to our transportation department, but **HopSkipDrive's** introduction of a flexible driver supply and easy-to-use technology has helped us free up assets and optimize our transportation.”

Miriam Ravkin, senior vice president of marketing, underlines the importance of Choice Partners (CP) co-op procurement process as it greatly reduces the time needed for members to access awarded contracts, where time is key in gathering new drivers.



“The Choice Partners co-op offers a shortened procurement process for our potential customers with members able to bypass a three-to-six-month RFP process,” she said. “This is especially important with the current state of transportation, where districts often need to supplement their fleets quickly (due to COVID, bus driver shortages and more) with third-party vendors like **HopSkipDrive.**”

HopSkipDrive currently services CP members from Washington, Colorado and Texas, expecting that number to rise for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. For more information about **HopSkipDrive**, go to www.hopskipdrive.com/school. You may also contact Jared Clark at 949-520-0846 or jclark@hopskipdrive.com.

TASN Winner



Carlette Drabek, food service director of Navarro ISD, was the Choice Partners giveaway winner at the 2022 TASN Conference. Drabek is pictured here with (from left to right) Melissa Wilder, food contract coordinator, Laura Sprehe, food contract manager, and Trisha Prestigiaco, assistant director of food contracts.

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New Members

HCDE Interlocal Agreements with new members: **Grayson College**, Denison, Texas; **Lee College (update only)**, Baytown, Texas; and **Val Verde County**, Del Rio, Texas.

HCDE Out-of-State new members: **Aurora Public Schools**, Aurora, Colo.; and **Georgetown County**, Georgetown, S.C.

Contracts

Recently Awarded Contracts for Direct Delivery of Snacks and Beverages; Restaurant Branded Food Delivery; Security Officer Services and Investigation Work; and Technology Job Order Contracting (JOC).

Recently Renewed Contracts for Affordable Care Act (ACA) Auditing and Reporting; Disaster Mitigation with Restoration (JOC-IDIQ); Emergency Feeding; Financial Software; Scientific Equipment & Related Items; and Third Party Code Inspection Services.

Upcoming Events



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NIGP Official Chapter



July 28
SETAPP
Houston, Texas

Aug. 10
PPACNT
Grapevine, Texas

Aug. 20-24
NIGP Forum
Boston, Mass.
Also Virtual

Aug. 23-25
TAC Legislative Conference
Austin, Texas

Sept. 23-25
TASA/TASB
San Antonio, Texas

Sept. 26-29
NAEP TOAL Annual Meeting & Expo
Denton, Texas

Current CSP's & RFP's

Custodial Supplies and Services

Due Date: July 26

Industrial Equipment, Rent, Lease or Purchase

Due Date: July 26

Fuel Card Monitoring, GPS and Related Items

Due Date: Aug. 16

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