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To: Robert J. O'Donnell, Superintendent
From: Kevin M. Stahl, Manager of Purchasing
Van E. Swauger, Director of Transportation
Re: School Bus Bid Recommendation
Date: June 3, 2015

Administration has solicited bids to purchase three (3), 72-passenger school buses for the 2015/16 fiscal year in accordance with the request submitted by Van E. Swauger, Director of Transportation. The bid package requested pricing for both new and pre-owned buses with delivery of the buses desired on or before August 3, 2015. This requirement was advertised as mandated by the Public School Code.

Bid packages were mailed to five (5) resellers. Ultimately, M. A. Brightbill and Wolfington Body Company responded with the bids opened for public inspection May 18, 2015. The costs are as detailed below.

| <u>Vendor</u> | <u>2013</u> | <u>2014</u> | <u>New 2016</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| M. A. Brightbill | \$69,850 | \$74,950 | \$81,810 |
| Wolfington | \$78,000 | No Bid | \$88,810 |
| Rohrer Bus Sales | No Bid | No Bid | No Bid |
| Leibensperger | No Bid | No Bid | No Bid |
| Blue Bird | No Bid | No Bid | No Bid |

Given the prices received, it is the recommendation of administration that the low responsible bid submitted by M. A. Brightbill for three (3), pre-owned, 2014, 72-passenger buses be accepted at a total cost not to exceed \$224,850. It should be noted that the balance of the 5-year, 100,000 new bus warranty would transfer to the District for these pre-owned buses.