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Dump Truck Bus Joins Fleet of Recycled Vehicles

TIOGA COUNTY, N.Y. (Nov. 27, 2007) — Just in time for the season's first snow showers, a southern New York school district converted a retired school bus into a dump truck and snow plow.

Tony Clark, facility supervisor for Owego Appalachian Central School District, said the district needed a new dump truck, but couldn't afford the estimated \$70,000 to buy a new one. Instead, his grounds crew transformed a recently-retired 9-year-old 66-passenger bus for under \$10,000.

That included the cost of almost 200 hours of labor. After taking the seats out, the crew cut off the body behind the first seat, moved the rear wheels forward, took out a drive shaft, cut the frame and installed a five yard dump box.



Clark said the bus will join a fleet of converted school buses and will continue a 25 year tradition of recycling retired vehicles. The district already has buses three snow plows buses, a slant back bus capable of carrying a lawn mower, a 16-foot box truck bus and school buses that function as mobile workshops for the maintenance mechanics.

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