



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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Dear High School Driver's Education faculty and staff,

Thank you for the tremendous effort you make to educate our young people on road safety. We have worked hard to ensure our teens are properly trained and responsible drivers. The Illinois Secretary of State's office continues to identify new ways to educate them in an ongoing effort to keep our roads as safe as possible.

In a continuing effort to raise awareness about distracted driving, my office recently unveiled a new video written and produced by teens. This two-minute video contains an important message for driver's education students about the dangers of distracted driving. I encourage you to use this video as a tool in your efforts to educate students on the rules of the road. Since the implementation of the graduated driver license (GDL) law in 2008, teen driving deaths have dropped by 51 percent. This is good news but there is still more work to be done. One teen driving death is one too many.

To view or download the video, please visit:

http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/drivers/teen_driver_safety/videos/home.html.

We hope you will share this video with your students to further bolster your message of the dangers of texting while driving. By working together, we can make a difference. We can save lives.

Thank you for your efforts and consideration of utilizing this video in your classroom.

Sincerely,


Jesse White
Illinois Secretary of State