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Dear Parents:

Too often we hear of tragic automobile crashes that alter the lives of young drivers because someone chose to drive distracted or under the influence of an illicit substance. CAPE and the Dutchess County High Schools have joined efforts to prevent these tragedies that needlessly take the lives of our loved ones, by hosting *Teen Driving: A Family Affair* for students and their families.

During the program, parents and students will hear speakers who represent four different perspectives—the insurance sector, the medical sector, the legal sector, and a personal story from a victim of an impaired or distracted driving incident. These compelling accounts will help reinforce every warning you have ever given your child, every message issued by teachers, and every public service announcement seen or heard through the media.

This remains a **MANDATORY** program for students who will be applying for their parking/driving privileges for the **September 2021** school year. Parents/guardians are also required to take the course, because they play a crucial role in their teen’s safe driving. If you want your child to be able to drive to school, you and your student driver **MUST COMPLETE THIS VIRTUAL COURSE IN FULL TO RECEIVE CREDIT**. It should only take about an hour to complete the course.

In response to the global pandemic, we have created a virtual platform where we can offer this program. The course will be available to **Arlington High School** students from **May 7 through May 13, 2021**.

Your School’s Unique Enrollment Code is: **TD2021-arlington**

YOU WILL BE PROVIDED WITH THREE DOCUMENTS: 1) this letter, 2) a registration instructions page, and 3) a course FAQ. After you read this letter, open the ‘How To Register’ document for detailed instructions on how to get started. Once you have finished the course, no further action is needed. We will send the course results directly to your school. You will also be able to download a certificate for your own records. You do NOT need to submit the certificate to your school.

If you have any additional questions, please contact your school’s Teen Driving representative: Cindy Westervelt at cwestervelt@acsdny.org or 845-486-4860 ex.31121

Best regards,

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