

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

As always, I have a few items I would like to discuss... Now that it's 2016 and we're all making resolutions, "new starts", and getting ourselves organized, I'd like to help you start this year with ways to improve your Driver Education program.

NYSDTSEA Conference in March – BE THERE!! (I will be)

The NYS Driver & Traffic Safety Education Association holds an annual conference. If you possess a MV-283 card and you're not already a member **YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BECOMING ONE!!!!** This association bleeds Driver Ed blood! They're all so dedicated and wonderful. It's made up of a group of teachers all possessing the MV-283 credential – all teaching their hearts out in DTSE programs throughout the state.

Please consider joining here... <http://www.nysdtsea.org/membership.html>

That being said, it's that time of year again – NYSDTSEA Conference time!!! You can see the agenda, read about the topics being addressed, meet and greet others that give their all to teaching our youth to drive SAFELY...and if that's not enough – **I'LL be there!!!** 😊

Check out the agenda right here... <http://nysdtsea-frontview.weebly.com/conference-program-2016.html>

Lastly, if you're interested (and I really hope you are!!) you can read about Registration and Directions/Accommodations here...

<http://nysdtsea-frontview.weebly.com/2016-state-conference.html>

*****I am not beyond bribing you to come – I can bring home baked goods if need be ::wink:: Brownie anyone?? 😊*****

Talk to your Faculty/Staff about How to Become an MV-283 Cardholder!

I cannot emphasize this enough – Bring it up to your staff. Give them the information about how **EASY**, **WORTHWHILE**, and **VALUABLE** it is to possess the MV-283 credential.

I urge you to mention at your next staff meeting that this credential is a tool that can be kept in your back pocket **FOREVER**.

* Seriously, it's 12 credits in total.

* After the first 6, he/she can get a Provisional credential good for up to 4 years.

- * The other 6 credits need to be done before the Provisional expires.
- * The time in class (or class online) goes towards Professional Development.
- * I've been told that the money spent on classes is made up within the first year of teaching (if not sooner).
- * It's an AMAZING option for someone looking for extra money (Single and need to fill your time? New Parent? Retired?)
- * Also, you can get it and work at other schools, BOCES and colleges (Restrictions MAY apply)

It's an amazing option for your School/Staff – Here's Why

- They know the kids/families already
- You're paying someone you know and like – Keeping it within the "School Family"
- Better instruction because it's not a stranger/substitute
- Better communication with families
- You can farm out the driving (if necessary) to a Driving School and allow them to do what they're good at – lessons.
- IT GIVES YOU OWNERSHIP!!!!!!

I'm not going to let up on this topic. You need to hear me out on this one. Click the link below for more information 😊

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/cte/de/accredit.html>

Last But Not Least

In the spirit of renewal and organization, I'd like to open myself up to questions/comments/etc. Is there a burning question you have about Driver Education? Email me and I'll address it in one of my next monthly emails! If YOU have an issue, someone else out there is bound to have the same issue.

I promise – no question is silly. I want you to feel *confident* and **EMPOWERED!!**

We're in this together, people!

As always, pass this along to anyone who may find it useful, helpful, amusing, etc...

Mary 😊