

**March is almost over.... We're seeing the light at the end of the tunnel....**

I just wanted to send a quick email out this month. It's short but important. Please take the time to read it, and as always – pass it on to those who might find it helpful or interesting. 😊

**\*\*\*Pilot Testing – VERY Important! – PLEASE Read and consider helping!!!\*\*\***

This is an extremely important task that I am actually **BEGGING** for your help with. I've been part of an interagency workgroup for about 4 years now. We've been working non-stop to create a new Driver Education Curriculum for all of you out there running or teaching in driver Ed programs. The last time NYS developed a curriculum was **1989**. It's long overdue, and we want to do the most amazing job that we can. We've had experts from many fields on each of the planning panels and now it's YOUR turn to help make this curriculum the best it can be.

We need schools to volunteer to pilot test these modules. We need you to pilot test **ONLY ONE**. One is **ALL WE'RE ASKING FOR!!!** This is your time to give us your thoughts and opinions on the material. When has the state ever asked for your opinion? When have you been asked to HELP PLAN A CURRICULUM???? **THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!!!!**

Pilot testing is needed more than ever! **Please** consider running **one** module!! It's literally **one lesson area**. All we ask is that you run the module and all of its parts. It's going to be too long. We know that going in. It's going to take longer than you want it to because we need you to test **ALL OF THE PARTS** (activities, too). Then we will ask you to give information on whether it went well, whether you didn't like certain activities, how it can be better, etc. The only part of this **ONE MODULE** you won't like is the length. But we MUST test all parts for the research to be valid.

**Can you please commit to this? I'm not asking for your first born – I'm asking for you to be part of this curriculum because it's what you teach. YOU'RE THE ONES OUT THERE WHO KNOW WHAT NEEDS TO BE TAUGHT. It's what needs to be done – and**

**WE WANT YOUR INPUT!!!!**

**For information and to volunteer for a pilot test, you can email Betsy Reese at [elizabeth.rees@health.ny.gov](mailto:elizabeth.rees@health.ny.gov).**

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**Update!!! I know I included this piece in February's email, but I have received many questions.**

**MV-285Rs – NEW SHEET on the website! – Only works when opened in Internet Explorer!**

There's an **updated** MV-285r *Student MV-285 Roster* on the website to be used for all DTSE Programs. Make sure you use the newest sheet!!  
Find it here: <http://dmv.ny.gov/forms/mv285r.pdf>

Happy Holidays to all!

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