Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your student's school will be participating in the **Drop It And Drive** distracted driving education program presented by Traffic Injury Research Foundation USA (TIRF USA) and supported by Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT). The workshop is designed to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving and encourage safe driving behaviors among youth.

As part of this program, TIRF USA is conducting a research evaluation to assess the effectiveness of the workshop. Students will be invited to complete a brief survey before the workshop and a second brief survey after the workshop. The surveys ask about distracted driving knowledge, attitudes, perceptions of risk, and intended driving behaviors. Each survey is expected to take approximately 5 to 10 minutes to complete.

Participation in the surveys is completely voluntary. Students will be informed that they may choose not to participate, may skip any question they do not wish to answer, and may stop the survey at any time. A student's decision about whether or not to participate will not affect their grades, standing at school, relationship with school staff, or participation in the educational workshop.

The surveys do not collect names, email addresses, phone numbers, addresses, or any other personally identifiable information. Responses will be kept confidential, stored on secure password-protected systems, and reported only in summary form. No individual student will be identified in any reports, presentations, or publications resulting from this evaluation.

The study involves no more than minimal risk. Students may skip any questions they do not wish to answer.

Parent/Guardian Opt-Out Option

Because this evaluation involves minimal risk and anonymous surveys, parental permission will be assumed unless a parent or guardian chooses to decline participation.

If you **DO NOT** want your student to participate in the evaluation surveys, please notify the school by **Monday, September 21** using one of the following methods:

- Email: _____
- Phone: _____
- Return the form below to the school

Students whose parents/guardians opt out will still be able to attend and participate in the educational workshop but will not be asked to complete the evaluation surveys.

Thank you for supporting efforts to improve traffic safety education for young drivers.