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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Tragically each year we lose Lexington County School District One students to fatal vehicle collisions. In fact, vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death for young people between the ages of 16 and 24.

This district and our high schools want to do more to help keep our students safe when they are behind the wheel. Every high school in this district has agreed to participate in a program called *Alive at 25*. *Alive at 25* is an early intervention program which helps prevent traffic violations, collisions and fatalities and was developed by the National Safety Council. It is a 4½ hour defensive driving course that addresses the dangers of speeding, using a cell phone while driving, eating while driving, abusing alcohol or drugs while driving and more.

You are receiving a form with this letter which lists the dates and times that a law enforcement officer will come to your campus to teach the *Alive at 25* course.

We feel so strongly about this program and its potential to save students' lives that we will begin requiring students to complete this program in order to purchase a campus parking permit. Any student who plans to purchase a parking permit next semester must successfully complete this course before he or she will be allowed to purchase that permit. If your student will be able to drive next year and plans to purchase a parking permit during schedule pickup next summer for the 2008–2009 school year, he or she will need to go ahead this current school year and take the course on one of the course dates listed on the attached form.

Once your student successfully completes the course, he or she may purchase parking permits for the rest of his or her high school career.

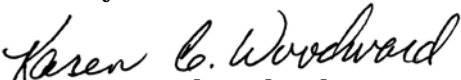
The price of the course is \$35. You may send a money order in mail in or you may bring cash (exactly \$35) to the class. Whichever payment method you choose, do not wait until your student is ready to purchase a parking sticker to register for the course. Go ahead and fill out the registration form and either mail or fax it back now.

Any student who cannot afford the \$35 course registration fee should contact the South Carolina National Safety Council at (803) 732-6778 and ask about financial assistance. The Council has some scholarships. However, the student must call before registering for the *Alive at 25* program.

If we can save the life of your high school student or another student, we will have done something of real importance for our students.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,


Karen P. Woodward, Ed.D.
Superintendent