

Dear Community Members,

On Thursday Jan. 19 a group of parents will go before the Hamilton County School Board and ask that Drivers Education classes be reinstated in all High Schools in Hamilton County.

As you know if you have had a child attend private driving classes lately, the cost is over \$300 for this training. Not all parents can afford this, and without a certified training program a child may hit the streets without any real education of driving that could affect everyone driving on the road each day.

Did you know that a 16-year-old driver has almost 10 times the crash risk of drivers age 30-59?

Did you know that motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for American teenagers?

Did you know that in 2004, 24% of the teen drivers killed were intoxicated?

ALL of our students attending high schools need to know the consequences of speeding, following too close, not paying attention, drinking and driving. They need to see the videos and hear other teen drivers talk about their own mistakes. The fact is that with all the distractions they are faced with they need all the training/education that we can offer.

If you would, please send this invitation out to your friends in PTA at all the Middle and High Schools, your parent groups, or any groups that are involved with young kids who will benefit from a new and improved drivers education course. All parents and grandparents are welcome to attend also.

Again the School Board Meeting is **Thursday Jan. 19 at 5:30**, our group will probably be speaking later in the meeting. I hope you will attend and show support for this idea and project for the future.

Thanks,
David Roden
Parent in East Ridge