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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students:

Four high school football players at Mainland Regional High School in New Jersey perished in an automobile accident earlier this month on the Garden State Parkway. Under New Jersey law, drivers under 18 generally are *not allowed to carry more than one passenger* unless a parent or guardian is in the vehicle. The eight boys in the SUV ranged in age from 15 to 17. This tragedy brings safety to the forefront as we begin a new school year.

Allow me to remind you that all drivers under the age of 21 with learner's permits or provisional licenses must purchase a pair of decals at the Motor Vehicle Commission and properly display the decals while driving. Failure to properly display the decals while operating a vehicle will result in a fine. The intent is that other drivers will see the red sticker and recognize that the driver is inexperienced. It is also intended to help police to identify provisional inexperienced drivers who are not adhering to the requirements of the new law:

- Drivers age 16 to 20 who hold learner's permits or provisional licenses may not be on the road between the hours of 11:01 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- Young drivers with learner's permits or provisional licenses may transport only one passenger other than family members.
- Young drivers may not use cell phones, or any other electronic device, even if they are using hands-free devices.
- iPods or any other wireless devices may not be used by young drivers unless the iPods are connected to the vehicles' sound system.
- Young drivers must ensure that all passengers are properly secured by seat belts or child safety seats.
- Students who already possess standard driver's license are not affected by the new regulations.

For questions or additional information, please refer to www.njteendriving.com. Thank you for your continuing support.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael P. Hughes". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Michael P. Hughes
Principal