



Motor Vehicle Administration

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 2, 2013

TO: Driving School Owners

FROM: Jean Ferguson Oswald

SUBJECT: Donate Life Maryland Video

Driver Instructional Services, in partnership with Donate Life Maryland, is pleased to announce the release of a new video to explain the organ donation process to new drivers and their families. As you may be aware, every person coming to the MVA to obtain a license or an identification card is asked if he/she wishes to become a donor. The video and the attached talking points explain the process of becoming an organ donor at the MVA. DISD does not want any school to advocate organ donation as part of the Maryland approved curriculum.

The three essential talking points regarding organ donation are:

- 1) That choosing to designate as a donor or choosing to designate as not a donor has no impact on a person's ability to obtain a learner's instructional permit, provisional driver license, a license, or an identification card.
- 2) Parents make the final decision for any person under the age of 18.
- 3) You can change your organ donation status at any time at the Donate Life website.

The video is an optional component of the curriculum and should be placed in Unit One when you are discussing with your students the process to obtain a license. If you would like to request a copy of the Donate Life video from the MVA, please contact DISD staff at 410-424-3751.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Jean Ferguson Oswald at 410-787-7863 or at joswald@mdot.state.md.us.

With regards,