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Dear Parents,

We are providing this letter to inform you that as a part of our driver training class, we will cover the topic of organ, cornea, and tissue donation. This topic is particularly important to students your son/daughter's age as they will be asked if they would like to register to be an organ, cornea, and tissue donor when they receive their driver's license.

We know that organ and tissue donation can be a difficult subject to discuss. However, in order to help your child make a well-informed decision about their donation choice, it is important to have a discussion about the topic. Below are some facts provided by LifeCenter Northwest, our local organ recovery organization, which may help get the conversation started.

- LifeCenter Northwest is the federally designated organ recovery organization for our state and manages the online donor registry for Washington and Montana.
- If you are injured and admitted to the hospital, the first priority for the medical team is to save your life.
- Organ donation is a rare opportunity, with less than 1% of deaths leading to donation.
- One organ donor can save up to eight lives and heal the lives of many more through cornea and tissue donation.
- Most major religions in the United States support donation and view it as a final act of love and generosity toward others.
- There is no cost to the donor's family for organ, cornea, and tissue donation. All costs related to donation are paid by the donation agency.
- If the opportunity arises for donation, LifeCenter Northwest supports families through the entire process and honors the gift of life that is being given.
- It is important to talk to your family about your donation choice in advance as it can be helpful to your family to know your wishes about being a donor.

Organ, cornea and tissue donation is a very personal choice. For further information or to ask more questions about donation, please visit the LifeCenter Northwest website at www.lcnw.org or call 1-877-275-5269.

Currently, there are over 114,000 people waiting for a life-saving organ transplant in the United States, and an average of 20 of those people die each day waiting for a second chance. Simply having a conversation about one's wishes regarding organ, eye and tissue donation can help save lives.