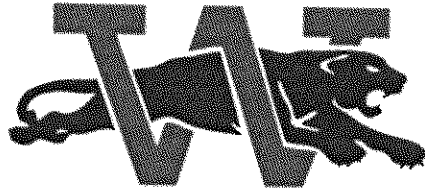


WILMOT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT



The Future of Drivers Education at Wilmot Union High School

February 16, 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians of Current and Future Panthers,

Wilmot Union High School's Board of Education recently authorized me to explore alternatives for serving the needs of our students in regards to Driver's Education options starting with Summer School 2012.

I have met with a representative from Cooperative Educational Service Agency #2 (CESA #2) a state-run educational institution to which Wilmot belongs, to discuss their services. It is our intent to have Department of Public Instruction-certified Driver's Education teachers who are employed by CESA #2 serve the needs of our students.

The reason we want to engage in this change of service is to allow our students more flexibility in their high school scheduling. Out of our current class of 275 tenth graders only 70 students have opted to take Driver's Education with us. The other 205 students have sought out alternatives that better meet the needs of the students and/or their families. Unfortunately, the 70 students who do take our course miss out on other educational opportunities. This change would alleviate the need to make choices based upon Driver's Education.

Classes offered through CESA #2 in the summer would not change from past years. Classes offered during the school year would change as follows: there would be a course after school for those students who choose this option. You may be aware we already run a "late bus." Students in this course would have the option of riding a bus home. The other alternative would be to take the only state-approved on-line Driver's Education course through CESA #2. Both options require 30 hours of instruction followed by behind the wheel instruction, which would be conducted before, during, and/or after school. Students who have conflicts with after school commitments are free to enroll in the on-line portion and subsequently work on it at their leisure (to include in our computer labs and/or library during study hall time).

The cost of the CESA #2 program is \$400/student. Wilmot currently charges each student \$360.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me no later than March 16, 2012.

Sincerely,


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