



## D.C. Everest Area School District

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### MISSION STATEMENT

D.C. Everest Area School District, in partnership with the community, is committed to being an innovative educational leader in developing knowledgeable, productive, caring, creative, responsible individuals prepared to meet the challenges of an ever-changing global society.

**TO:** Dr. Kristine Gilmore, Superintendent

**FROM:** Jack E. Stoskopf, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Business/Personnel Services

**RE:** Elimination of Driver's Education Program

**DATE:** April 19, 2011

Below are the considerations that went into the decision to recommend the elimination of the Driver's Education Program at D.C. Everest Area School District.

- Driver's education provides easier access to the course and driving experiences for those who cannot afford private instruction.
- Many schools have eliminated driver's education due to the cost and the fact that the schedules don't often meet the schedule of when students wish to get their license.
- Schools that charge higher fees often don't get the fees and simply wait until they are 18 years old to get their license, short of completing the school program.
- The net cost of Driver's Education for the district with staff (classroom and behind the wheel), car, annual simulator maintenance fees, fuel, and auto maintenance comes to **\$123,167.00**. There would be a slight loss in revenue from summer school as we are able to claim some summer driver's education time to our summer school contact minutes, but those losses are included in the number above.
- A classroom would be freed up at the high school.
- Vehicles could be sold, used to replace district vans (leases expire this summer) or be traded for a needed utility vehicle for the high school and Jr. High (i.e. truck with plow and salter).
- There is a possibility of leasing classroom space to a private company that may wish to provide the service to our students.
- Wausau eliminated driver's education a number of years ago. Stevens Point drastically increased their fees to cover all costs.
- It might be important to note that about 5 years ago, the state used to aid districts in the amount of \$100.00 per driver's education student. That aid has been eliminated.

It is the intention of this recommendation to end this program AFTER the 2011 summer driver's education program is completed. As of the fall of 2011-2012, the program would not be offered in any form.