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NEWS RELEASE

SADD Grant Awards to Help Save Lives

(Columbus, GA)-Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) can make a life or death difference. The Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) awards a \$2,500 highway safety grant to eight (8) high schools in the Muscogee County School District to help reduce injuries and deaths of teen drivers.

Grant fund will be used to enhance existing SADD chapters and help reduce teen driver fatalities. The GOHS believes that student input will help alleviate the problem of teen driving fatalities in Georgia.

"Our state's teen drivers represent a disproportionate number of drivers involved in crashes that involve injuries and deaths on Georgia roadways," said GOHS Director, Robert F. Dallas.

"We look forward to our SADD Chapters working with their peers to change the perception that crashes are accidents, which cannot be prevented."

Muscogee County School District Grant Recipients:

Carver High School – Naomi Hitchcock, Advisor

Early College, Linda Willard, Advisor

Hardaway High School – Karen Powers, Advisor

Jordan High School – Darryl Carter, Advisor

Kendrick High School – Marilyn Lawton, Advisor

Northside High School – Dr. Rosalyn Williams, Advisor

Rose Hill Center – Dr. Paulette Rameau, Advisor

Spencer High School – Shantis Curry, Advisor

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The MCSD SADD Chapters plan to conduct seatbelt checks and driving simulations in partnership with the Columbus Police Department. In addition, there will be prom campaigns and other highway safety activities. Each chapter will send its advisor, the president and several members to a GOHS statewide leadership-training program to coordinate with other SADD chapters across the state.

For additional information, contact Dr. Betty McBride, Muscogee County School District SADD chapters, (706) 748-2226.

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