Dear Parent/New Driver:

This is an exciting time for you and/or your child. It is important for families and teenagers to understand the responsibilities of driving privileges. Please take the time to review the enclosed information to help ensure the safety of all of our drivers on the roadways.

A written exam for a NYS learners permit can be taken at any local DMV office, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. on a walk-in basis, or contact your guidance counselor to see if your school participates in the satellite exam process.

To apply for a NYS learner permit you will need to complete the enclosed application (MV-44), pay the appropriate application fee, and pass vision and written tests. Also required are original Birth Certificates and Social Security Cards plus 4 additional points of Proof of Identification (please refer to the attached ID-44 Proofs of Identity or visit the DMV web site at www.nysdmv.com). **Applicants under 18 years old require parental consent unless they are 17 and have a Driver Education Certificate of Completion (MV-285).**

Once a learner permit is issued, driving practice may begin with a licensed driver at least 21 years old. REMEMBER, THIS IS A PRIVILEGE. Helpful websites: youngerdriver@dmv.state.ny.us and olderdriver@dmv.state.ny.us. Visit a local library if you do not have access to the internet.

Requirements prior to scheduling a road test include:

1. A valid Driver’s Training Certificate (MV 285) or a 5-hour Safe Driving Course Certificate
2. A valid NYS Photo Learner Permit

The above are required to be presented at the road test site along with:

3. The enclosed MV 262 completed and signed by a parent certifying completion of a minimum of 50 hours driving experience (Under 18, regardless of Driver’s Education Class)

To schedule a road test call (518) 402-2100 or visit the website at: www.nysdmv.com, or visit your local DMV Office.

Driving safely saves lives and money too. Traffic infractions come with mandatory surcharges, fines and points on a license. Any driver that accumulates six points on a driver’s license is required to pay a Driver’s Responsibility Assessment fee.

Doing business at a local DMV office keeps your money local. Visit the DMV at any location listed above for all your DMV needs including renewing licenses and registrations and changing your address. Enjoy your driving privileges and please drive safely.

Sincerely,

Judith M. Hunter
Steuben County Clerk