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ello to all. With the end of the historic and eventful 2020, we hope you all are well. Due to the obvious events of the past year we all have been forced into modifications in the everyday work routine. Many challenges were met by creative solutions and while not all of the results are perfect, most have been able to adapt and carry on providing education and public service.

The Novice Driver Statewide Program has been renewed for this grant year, and we continue building on the objectives of our initial grant by instituting new goals and activities as well as building on and promoting previous endeavors.

We are continuing the study of the focused aspects of the Perceptual Driving Program when combined with School-Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (SWPBIS). New schools are planned to be added to the research along with training students of participating schools in data collection procedures. Level-2 supports utilizing driving simulator will be investigated. We will also continue to provide education resource materials to CTSP liaisons with the addition of the final components of the *Your Teen Driver* Mentor Driver sessions. These will present a variety of practice behind-the-wheel driving skills, lessons and information in to develop perceptual skills in varieties of driving environments. When used in combination of the previously released lessons, a collection of tutorials is available to use as presentation and seminar material by CTSP and teachers. Another module of the PA Enhanced Driver Education Program is also being updated and will be made available. The *Stop-Think-Go Decision Making Process* segment has been a part of that curriculum for many years. It contains aspects of behavioral education with objectives and activities designed to demonstrate positive decision-making methods.

#### elcome Teachers!

You may have also noticed the addition of "Novice Driver Safety Educators" to the newsletter banner. The four issues that we published last year were released to the list of approximately 300 PA public school driver ed instructors. Part of our purpose is to form and maintain a network of communication and collaboration between PA public school driver education teachers and CTSP personnel to support mutual undertakings in novice driver and mentor education.

CTSP offices have previously received a cross-referenced listing of public school instructors in their service regions. Instructors will shortly be receiving the corresponding contact list for other driver ed teachers and CTSP associates.

As always, questions, notes and contributions of topics for this newsletter are welcome from everyone.

## NDSP Survey Published In PEL Journal

The *Pennsylvania Educational Leadership* (PEL) *Journal is a* peer-reviewed publication that is circulated twice per year by the of the Pennsylvania Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (PASCD). Subject areas speak to various points of interests involving Pennsylvania educators. The articles range from various analyses, narratives, research, and reviews.

The latest Fall/Winter issue of *PEL Journal* contains the analysis of a survey spearheaded by the 2019-2020 NDSP. The survey was a primary activity of the program grant. Initiated over the summer of 2019 with the cooperation of the PDE Office of School Safety Education, the survey and subsequent results updated previous studies to examine the current climate of driver education in Pennsylvania to assist in planning. This survey has previously been presented by the NDSP grant team at the PennDOT Fall Communications Conference , and is included in the NDSP Comprehensive Report.



athleen Ammerman (4th-year PhD candidate in School Psychology) was primary author on the article "A Survey of Driver Education Practices in Pennsylvania" which appeared in the 2020 Fall / Winter issue of *Pennsylvania Education Leadership*. Ms. Ammerman's co-authors included Mr. Kevin Wolford (IUP Institute for Rural Health and Safety), Dr. Louis Pesci (Kinesiology, Health, and Sport Science and IUP Institute for Rural Health and Safety), and Dr. Timothy Runge (Educational and School Psychology). The article summarized data from a state-wide survey of driver education instructors regarding their professional qualifications and training,

professional development activities, and curricula and instruction used to teach novice drivers. This article is part of a larger, multi-year grant funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Department of Education to improve the quality of novice driver education and increase behavioral outcomes (i.e., cell phone use; seat belt use) among teen drivers.\*

\* https://pascd.org/

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chool-Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (SWPBIS) is a multi-tiered system of support that is characterized by systematic assessment of student behavioral and mental health, preventative core mental and behavioral health curricula, and tailored interventions for those with strategic or intensive needs. SWPBIS includes three tiers of assessment, instruction, and intervention based on identified student needs. These include:

- Primary tiered services assessment and instructional practices provided to all students to prevent or minimize barriers to learning while concurrently promoting mental and behavioral health for all students.
- Secondary-tiered services mental and behavioral support layered on top of the primary-tiered services; often needed by approximately 5-10% of students
- Tertiary-tiered services mental and behavioral support layered on top of secondary-tiered services; often needed by approximately 3 5% of students

Figure 1 provides a cross-sectional review of the number of Pennsylvania Positive Behavior Support (PAPBS) Network schools implementing tier 1 SWPBIS each spring since 2007. The number of schools achieving full implementation of tier 1 SWPBIS has steadily grown since spring 2007. Spring 2019 is the high-water mark for implementation, with 583 schools reaching this goal.

In the spring of 2019, the largest proportion of schools implementing tier 1 SWPBIS were at the elementary level (63.3%; n = 369), a finding that is consistent with national data. Middle schools accounted for the second largest proportion of schools implementing tier 1 SWPBIS, with 84 (14.4%) achieving this goal. Forty-two high schools achieved full implementation of tier 1 SWPBIS. See Figure 2.

### Figure 1

Cross Sectional Count of Combined Cohort Schools Primary-Tier SWPBIS Implementation Fidelity 2007-2019







The 42 high schools implementing SWPBIS provide opportunities for us to embed evidence-based driver education curricula and a token economy system – a hallmark of SWPBIS – to increase safe driving behavior of novice drivers. Specifically, this provides an opportunity for us to expand the pilot work around increase safe driving behaviors that was initiated in the 2019-2020 academic year. Be on the look-out for results of that pilot and opportunities to engage these high schools in expansion of this work.

Keystone CTSP

On Wednesday, January 20, 2021, the first of several online seminars was presented by the Novice Driver Statewide Program to Keystone CTSP personnel. As an objective of our grant, we are offering informational training in the resources materials that were modified, revised and created as a components of the NDSP grant. The first tutorial will introduce the seven segments of the Perceptual Driving Program that is used as the approved PDE Enhanced Driver Education Curriculum. Participants will be informed of the purpose and rationale behind this curriculum, and the behavioral and instructional objectives for each part. Vital information aspects, updated data tables, video and source links, as well as containing exercises to help develop perceptual awareness while driving.

The remaining seminars will include the release of the complete Mentor Driver/Novice Driver, finishing up with the Stop-Think-Go Decision Making Process Module and SWPBIS.

Zoom meeting invitations and reminders were sent to those on the CTSP and SPO contact list. Also participating were members of the HSO and John Kashatus of the PDE Office of School Safety Education.



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