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- Do you think driver's ed is helpful and/or what do you think would help make these classes more meaningful?

Breath escaped slowly. Gently, his eyes closed. Slowly his mind quieted. He was dead. A soul with no worries in the world. He was lost to the void. In just three seconds everything changed. In three seconds, a glance at a phone robbed him of everything he held dear: his family, opportunities, passion, and life itself. According to Stevenmurray.com, a car crash happens once every 57 seconds. However, there are ways to reduce these fatalities.

High schools should fund driving programs as it is an investment in their students. Schools should have both classroom instruction and hands-on training. With qualified driving instructors and these training methods, students will have a stable foundation setting them up for safety through proper preparation.

The driver's Ed system we currently have is flawed. Traditionally, students have the option to have their guardians teach them. However, this learning method does not work well for all students. Factors such as neglect, physical limitations, or outdated knowledge may impede their abilities to teach their children successfully. Student drivers should be taught by qualified educators.

In addition, online driver's Ed may lead to inadequate comprehension. Students tend to skip through their driver's Ed course to obtain their license quickly, neglecting valuable instruction. Through school-mandated driving instruction, this issue would be eliminated.

Through proper training, students may understand traffic regulations, driver communication with other drivers, and self-responsibility on the road. Furthermore, students may be educated on the effects of driving under the influence and reducing distractions. Students may also learn tips such as setting up emergency contacts in their phone in case of an accident, driving with "do not disturb", and queuing a playlist of music to eliminate the usage of a phone.

Through these changes, the risk of fatalities can be mitigated among drivers. By implementing driver's Ed in high schools supported by funds and qualified educators, students will be better prepared and responsible on the road. Proper driver's Ed will reduce those life taking three seconds, ensuring drivers retain a life for themselves and others.