



*North Carolina*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class/Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In the upcoming unit, your child will be learning about organ and tissue donation and transplantation. Every person applying for a driver's license or identification card with the NC Division Motor Vehicles (DMV) will be asked about their donation wishes once they turn 16.

The goals of these lessons are:

- To provide students with basic information for making an informed decision as to whether they want to be a donor.
- To encourage students to discuss this important topic with their parent(s) or guardian(s) prior to visiting the DMV.
- To educate students about organ and tissue donation and how transplants can save lives.

The individual lessons cover the following topic areas:

- Organ, Tissue, and Eye Donation 101
- The Need Today
- But, What Can I Do?
- The Future of Organ Donation

Please take some time as a family to discuss this issue and review any information your son/ daughter brings home. It is very important for family members to be aware of each other's donation wishes. Even though it may feel a little uncomfortable, a family discussion about organ and tissue donation now could someday make a decision about donation easier for your family. Many families faced with this decision have shared that it was a relief to know their loved one's feelings about organ and tissue donation.

After a family discussion, each person who wants to be a donor can register his or her decision by visiting [DonateLifeNC.org](http://DonateLifeNC.org) or by having a heart symbol (donor designation) added to their driver's license or identification card the next time they renew it at the DMV.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date