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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Cuthbertson High School SAVE Chapter to conduct Teen Safe Driving Activities on April 26, 2012**

- WHO:** Teen members of the SAVE Chapter at Cuthbertson High School in Waxhaw, NC
- WHAT:** Sponsored by the Allstate Foundation, Cuthbertson High School will hold a teen safe driving event on Thursday, April 26, 2012. Students will be urged to put their cell phones down behind the wheel and stay focused on the road. Guest speakers Peggy Bennett and her son, Josh, whose lives have been affected by drunk driving will speak to students. Allstate agent Sheena Batson will also be on hand to talk to students about the dangers of distracted driving. The SAVE Chapter is advised by Leah Ross.
- HOW:** Media is invited to speak with students about safe driving tips for all teens and the challenges and consequences of unsafe teen driving habits.
- WHEN:** **Thursday, April 26, 2012**  
1:30 pm
- WHERE:** Cuthbertson High School  
1400 Cuthbertson Rd.  
Waxhaw, NC 28173  
School auditorium
- WHY:** Texting is one of the most dangerous distractions facing drivers today, particularly among teens, of which car crashes are the number one killer. According to a recent Allstate Foundation study, 49 percent of driving teens admit to being extremely distracted by texting and instant messaging while driving. And, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports driver distraction contributes to 25 percent of all police-reported traffic crashes.

#### **About the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere:**

SAVE started at West Charlotte High School in Charlotte, N.C. in 1989 following the tragic death of a student who was trying to break up a fight at an off-campus party. Students met first to console each other, then as an organization to promote violence prevention and to work together to prevent future incidents from occurring. SAVE provides education about the effects and consequences of violence and helps provide safe activities for students, parents and communities. For more information on SAVE or starting a SAVE chapter, visit [www.nationalsave.org](http://www.nationalsave.org), or contact SAVE at (866) 343-SAVE to receive free start-up materials and guidance.

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