



## PIONEER RESA ANNOUNCEMENT

Pioneer RESA has been approved by the Georgia Office of Highway Safety to receive a Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) grant in the amount of \$40,000. The following schools and mountain education centers have been approved to receive this grant: Flowery Branch High, MEC Blairsville, MEC Dahlonega, Catalyst Christian Learning Center in White County, Rabun County High, Towns County High, West Hall High, Woody Gap School, Banks County High, East Hall High, Dawson County High, Hart County High, Habersham Central High, Stephens County High, MEC Ellijay, MEC Toccoa, Forsyth Central High, North Forsyth High, South Forsyth High, and West Forsyth High. This project is designed to address drinking and driving among teens in high schools.

According to the GOHS Director Robert F. Dallas, **“Our state’s teen drivers represent a disproportionate number of drivers involved in crashes that involve injuries and deaths on Georgia’s roadways. We look forward to our SADD Chapters working with their peers to change the perception that crashes are accidents, which can’t be prevented. They can. Our hope is to have every high school student graduate without being involved in a crash or any student being injured or killed in a car crash.”**

**Twenty high schools and mountain education centers will receive up to \$2000 each to implement the following activities:**

- **Establish or maintain a SADD Chapter**
- **Complete a minimum of two safety belt checks**
- **Host Ghost-Out, crash car event or Safe Prom and graduation activities**
- **Provide leadership training to SADD chapter members**
- **Support Red Ribbon Week and other drug prevention activities**

**A SADD coordinator identified by the school principal or school administrator will ensure program implementation, management and monthly reporting to Pioneer RESA and then to the Georgia Office of Highway Safety.**

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