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RE: Recommendation for the Student Statesmanship Institute's On-Site Program

Dear Christian Educator,

It is my pleasure to write a very positive letter of recommendation for the Student Statesmanship Institute's On-Site Program. SSI's On-Site Program introduced our high school students to our state's legislative process through interesting and lively lectures and practical, hands-on demonstrations. Relevant legislation with thorough analysis of the bills prepared our students for a mock legislature that was an exciting learning experience.

SSI's On-Site Program is a must for all Christian schools that desire their students to have a thorough and Christian understanding of government, debate and communication, and politics. The SSI curriculum reinforces solid, Christian foundations and enhances classroom instruction through authentic experiences. Furthermore, research seems to indicate such methods (i.e., "mock" experiences) are known to sharpen recall and use of newly acquired information and training. Staging mock experiences are not only significant in helping students apply analysis to real-life situations, but also in enhancing such valuable skills as listening, questioning, group deliberation, and oral expression.

Although preparation for the program, including logistics, was challenging, the results were worth the time and commitment. Our students learned aspects of government and communication that could not be gained through other means, including regular classroom methods and activities.

Our students were encouraged to be ambassadors for Christ, to be preservers of our nation's Judeo-Christian heritage and to understand and articulate a biblical world and life view. If you should have any questions, please feel free to call me at 248/668-7115.

Sincerely,

Vincent Montoro
School Principal