

Patti Sailor

Jackson Area Home Educators P. O. Box 6380 Jackson, MI 49204 e-mail: ksailor@juno.com

Mr. James Muffett
Student Statesmanship Institute
P.O. Box 80108
Lansing, MI 48909-0108

Dear James:

Hosting a Student Statesmanship Institute on a local level was a blessed experience.

Bringing SSI On-Site provides a wonderful vehicle for the Christian community to share, in a non-threatening atmosphere, their biblical worldview and ideas before their community leaders. What an awesome opportunity this was for both the kids and our leaders. Interacting, role-playing, and yes, even debating one another in mock committee meetings, and, of course, the highlight of the program; the mock legislature session!

At the Jackson On-Site pilot program, we had the privilege of having our U.S. Congressman, State Senator, and State Representatives as well as many local leaders accept our invitation to attend and participate in the various formats provided through the SSI On-Site Program. All 11 of our guest-dignitaries responded with great appreciation for this unique opportunity to work with the young people from their community, proclaiming their involvement in SSI On-Site would always be a "highlight" in their political and government service!

One of our State Representatives, after witnessing first-hand what SSI was all about, shared the following comments, "Participation in SSI should be made mandatory for all high school students!" SSI On-Site was the best hands-on government class he had ever witnessed. The ability of these young people to study and understand a bill, and then intelligently and skillfully discuss and debate the bill, was done in a manner he felt was superior to what he and many of his freshman colleagues had displayed their first year in office!"

For our students, it brought Government hands-on and face-to-face with them. A light clicked for many of these kids, with the realization that government is real people working together, sharing their wisdom, insights, and experiences to hopefully make this world a better and safer place for all of us to live in. SSI On-Site skillfully reinforces the idea that each of us has a destiny and a role to play as pilgrims in this land on our journey to our eternal home. Students participating in SSI On-Site unanimously walked away, knowing that as citizens of this great State and Nation, they would always make serving, working, and praying for our communities and its leadership a priority in their lives.

Thank you again for the privilege of hosting an SSI On-Site Program in Jackson.

Sincerely,

Patti Sailor

Patti Sailor, On-Site Coordinator for
Jackson Homeschoolers