



To Christian School Government Teachers and School Administrators:

This past week, Traverse City Christian School students and area homeschoolers attended the Student Statesmanship Institute On-Site Program that was held at a nearby church facility. SSI had been coming to our school for the past 3 years, but this was the first time we had combined our students with the homeschool network. To accommodate more students and without interfering with the class schedules of non-participating grades, we arranged to meet off-site at Immanuel Baptist Church, which allowed nearly double the participation we've had in the past.

The SSI On-Site experience was even better than before. The mix of students seemed to encourage a more sincere approach to the speech writing and debates, and the parental support was exceptional during the Mock Legislature on Tuesday night. My students spoke highly of the Institute, and noted that they had gained a greater perspective on not only the way the legislative process works, but also on the challenges that face lawmakers today.

The students were also visited by State Senator Jason Allen (R-Traverse City) and Congressman Dave Camp (R-Midland). They went from room to room, greeting each student individually. Having this kind of support speaks volumes for the program.

The two instructors, Lenny Mailand and James Muffett, were wonderful as usual. They connect well with the students, and they clearly know what they are doing.

I am looking forward to SSI returning next year, as always. We will definitely encourage students from throughout the Traverse City Community to join with us again! I would encourage other Christian schools who may not be able to host the program at their school building, and teachers and administrators who would like to reach a student population beyond their own, to consider a "community approach" to an On-Site, perhaps at a facility "off site". It was relatively easy to do, and the additional student dynamics made the program even more impressive.

I would recommend this Biblical Worldview leadership training institute to all high school students, whether they attend "on" or "off" site. Feel free to call me if you have any questions about the program. I'm looking forward to SSI On-Site #5!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony Weber".

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