

Medina County Common Pleas Court

PROBATE AND JUVENILE DIVISIONS

93 PUBLIC SQUARE, ROOM 104, MEDINA, OHIO 44256

Kevin W. Dunn
Judge

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Junior Leadership Medina County Visits Juvenile Detention Center

Members of the JLMC class of 2014 stopped by the Medina County JDC January 4, 2014 during their local government day



Judge Dunn shows the JLMC class the meal residents in the JDC will be eating for lunch.

MEDINA – After their morning at the Medina County Jail and visiting Common Pleas Judge Collier at the courthouse, the Junior Leadership Medina County class of 2014 visited the JDC January 4, 2014.

Medina County Juvenile and Probate Court Judge Kevin Dunn and JDC Superintendent Ron Stollar spoke to 33 members of the class about the 30-bed detention facility as well as court programs and procedures.

Unlike the Leadership Medina County government day in December, Junior Leadership was not permitted to tour the facility due to confidentiality of the residents. During the one-hour presentation, Judge Dunn and Stollar shared the rules and daily schedule residents of the detention center must follow every day. The Judge also showed an example of the meals provided to the JDC by the county jail, which a couple members of the class tasted.

“The rules are strict but I think they are fair and necessary,” said Olivia, a sophomore at Brunswick High School and member of JLMC. “I knew kids with behavior problems in middle school, but once I got to high school I didn’t notice them anymore. Students tend to be separated by their reputations or academic levels.”

Judge Dunn said he hopes members of Junior Leadership recognize that juvenile offenders may not be afforded the same opportunities as those participating in Junior Leadership, but are members of the same community. He asked the class to recognize their position to help make a change and demonstrate their capacity to be a leader to court-involved youth.

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“These kids in here are part of your community and your classmates,” Judge Dunn told the class. “It’s our job to help rehabilitate them and provide that fire in their bellies that you as junior leaders already have.”

Sarah, a junior at Wadsworth High School and JLMC member, said she will use the information she learned during government day and apply it as a facilitator during the e4 Youth Summit February 18-19, 2014, where Judge Dunn will kick off the event as the first keynote speaker.

To learn more about the e4 Youth Summit, visit www.UnitedWayMedina.org.

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