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Atlantic/Cape May Vicinage Continues and Expands One Judge-One School Outreach Program

The Atlantic/Cape May Vicinage will expand its One Judge-One School outreach program to serve 25 high schools in Atlantic and Cape May counties in 2014, Assignment Judge Julio Mendez announced today.

The program matches a Superior Court judge and a representative from the county bar association with each school. From January through June, the judge and attorney will work with the schools to provide programs that complement the curriculum, such as class visits, assemblies, and mentoring. Students also will be invited to local courthouses to tour the facilities, meet court personnel, and observe court proceedings.

Many activities included in the One Judge-One School program will focus on the 2014 Law Day theme, *American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters*.

Judge Mendez said, "This year's Law Day theme is more than an abstract. It is a living, breathing, often dramatic reality taking place in our courthouses every day."

"It is our belief that if we explain the court system and more importantly give our students the opportunity to experience our court system we will, through this familiarity, give our students an appreciation of the daily significance of the Law Day theme," said Judge Sandson.

Judge Mendez said, "I am especially pleased that Superior Court Judge Mark Sandson will be leading us in this effort again this year. I am particularly pleased that we have invited the Bar Associations to join the effort and they have enthusiastically agreed to participate."

Trial Court Administrator Howard H. Berchtold Jr. said, "The first year of this program was an overwhelming success. We are so excited to continue the program and include the Bar Associations this year. We want the students to learn about the judiciary and the legal profession,"

Contact our community liaison Kathleen Obringer at 609-594-3346 or Kathleen.obringer@judiciary.state.nj.us to learn more about the program.

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