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York Region high school students to get their day in court

Aspiring legal eagles to flex courtroom muscle at annual Mock Trial Competition

NEWMARKET – Secondary School Students from across York Region will have the opportunity to take what they've learned in the classroom and apply it in a real courtroom setting in front of an actual Ontario judge during the annual York Region Secondary School Mock Trials competition.



Photo: Students during 2005 Competition

More than 250 students representing 25 secondary schools from across York Region will converge at York Region's Administrative Centre Council Chambers for the competition opening ceremonies on **Monday, February 27, starting at 2 p.m.**

Following the opening ceremonies, students will cross the street to the provincial court house to begin the formal competition.

"York Region is pleased once again to co-host this unique event," said York Regional Chair and CEO Bill Fisch. "I was extremely impressed by the calibre of young people who gathered at last year's event and I am looking forward to meeting this year's participants who represent our next generation of leaders."

During the mock trials, students will gain valuable insights into the inner-workings of the criminal justice system as well as future career options in law and law enforcement. There will be numerous information booths set up prior to the competition for students, including from Seneca College, York University's Osgoode Law School and York Regional Police Services.

Each student team was paired with either a Defence or Crown Attorney coach in preparation for the competition. For most teams and student participants, the Mock Trials competition is an extracurricular activity pursued outside of normal class room hours.

****Please note that both the opening ceremonies and the competition at the courthouse are open to the media and TV cameras.**

WHEN: Monday, February 27, 2006, 2 p.m.

WHERE: Council Chambers, York Region Administrative Centre, 17250 Yonge St., Newmarket, ON

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