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BOARD REPORT

Thank you, Mr. President. The Garfield Heights City Schools has been very involved from a community outreach standpoint. As you may have noted in the Neighborhood News, the Courtroom in the Classroom program came to Garfield Heights Middle School to give our eighth-grade students an opportunity to see what it would be like to be a judge, prosecuting or defense attorney. We thank Judge Steven Gall for his mentorship with this program, and for positively encouraging the students to seek careers in the justice field someday. Without question, after talking with some of our students who participated in the program, some of our eighth graders were inspired.

In other news, and as the Board knows, The Garfield Heights City Schools has created a meaningful partnership with Jennings Hall. This has included some of the following opportunities that they have given to our students:

- Invited our HS forensics class to listen to a college professor talk about crime in the 1920s and 1930s in Cleveland History.
- Invited our Students of Promise to listen to a “distance-learning” speaker discuss race relations in our nation’s history.
- Invited our Jazz Band to participate in a speaker about Duke Ellington.
- Invited our students from AP Government to engage in a discussion with a professor on the US Justice system.
- Twice, our Maple Leaf and Elmwood Elementary Students have played a key role in the annual Veteran’s Day program at Jennings Hall.
- Each of our elementary buildings have participated in a drama and acting program during the springtime to learn the plays Wizard of Oz, Peter Pan and Cinderella.

Each of these invitations has combined our Garfield Heights Students with the opportunity to meaningfully interact with our senior citizen population. It’s a win-win situation for everyone involved. The GHCS are VERY grateful to Jennings. And, so is Jennings grateful to the schools. To demonstrate their gratitude for the partnership that we have forged, Jennings Hall’s leadership asked the schools to partner in a video production for THEIR ORGANIZATION that they will use as a marketing tool to attract more residents to their facility. So, over the summer, I taped an interview that they have actually placed into this video that I would like for you to see right now... to demonstrate, in part, the importance of the relationship Jennings Hall has with the Garfield Heights City Schools.

Let’s watch. **CUE VIDEO**

As you can see, the Garfield Heights City Schools is all about opportunities... and we greatly value what we’ve created with Jennings Hall. Thank you, Board, for your continued support. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year to all.... And as always.... GO BULLDOGS!