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### **Justice Robin Jean Davis, Judge Moats to talk to legislators about truancy**

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Supreme Court Justice Robin Jean Davis and Nineteenth Circuit Judge Alan Moats will give a presentation about judicial programs on truancy to the Joint Standing Committees on Education and the Judiciary at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13 in the House of Delegates Chamber in the West Virginia Capitol.

Justice Davis and Judge Moats appeared at fourteen regional meetings this fall to discuss ways the court system can work with educators, the Department of Health and Human Resources, and other community officials to keep children in school. The regional meetings were held in Charleston, Huntington, Wheeling, Morgantown, Parkersburg, Clarksburg, Elkins, Keyser, Martinsburg, Point Pleasant, Summersville, Lewisburg, Logan, and Beckley.

Justice Davis in November attended a community meeting in Princeton to sign an order allowing the Mercer County Board of Education to fund a probation officer to work solely on truancy cases.

Justice Davis has spoken about judicial truancy programs at meetings of the West Virginia Education Association, the West Virginia Federation of Teachers, and at a training conference for probation officers.

Truancy was the topic of a meeting during the spring Judicial Conference in Charleston in June. Circuit Judges from around West Virginia were joined in that discussion by State Schools Superintendent Jorea Marple; Board of Education President Priscilla Haden; Senate Education Chairman Robert Plymale, D-Wayne; and House Education Chairwoman, Mary Poling, D-Barbour. They agreed that the three branches of government should work together to reduce truancy.

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