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Justice Davis to sign order creating truancy program in Mercer County

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PRINCETON, W.Va. – Justice Robin Jean Davis will sign an order formally creating a judicial anti-truancy program in Mercer County during a ceremony at 4 p.m. Thursday, November 10, at the Seminar Center of the Mercer County Technical Education Center, 1397 Stafford Drive, Princeton.

Justice Davis and Ninth Judicial Circuit Judges Omar Aboulhosn, William J. Sadler, and Derek Swope also will hold a roundtable discussion with educators, probation officers, community leaders, Department of Health and Human Resources officials, parents, and any other interested parties about truancy matters in Mercer County.

Justice Davis is traveling to Princeton for the event to thank the Mercer County Board of Education for its willingness to work with the court system to combat truancy in Mercer County. The school board has agreed to pay the cost of hiring of a probation officer who will concentrate solely on truancy. The two-part program also will provide intervention for parents of chronically truant elementary-age children and strengthen penalties for secondary students who exceed five unexcused absences.

Justice Davis has been designated by the Supreme Court to coordinate and expand judicial truancy programs in West Virginia. She and Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Judge Alan Moats are holding fourteen regional meetings around West Virginia to encourage the establishment of joint judicial-community truancy programs like the one being set up in Mercer County.

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