



# JOSH MANDEL

## STATE TREASURER OF OHIO

Press Release - Ohio Treasurer's Office

COLUMBUS &dash; The Ohio Treasurer's office visited the Wapakoneta YMCA in Auglaize County on Monday to present a "Kids in Government Budget Workshop." This initiative is part of Treasurer Josh Mandel's Financial EDge financial literacy initiative and continuing efforts to raise awareness on the importance of financial wellness by providing tools and resources to help Ohioans make smart money choices.

The Wapakoneta YMCA facilities a "Kids in Government" program for students interested in learning about state government and the legislative process. As part of April Financial Literacy Month, the Treasurer's office partnered with the Wapakoneta YMCA youth program to present a budgeting workshop and spoke on the importance of financial wellness. In addition, the Treasurer's office discussed the roles and responsibilities of the State Treasurer of Ohio in state government.

"Community organizations and volunteers play an important role in developing Ohio's future leaders," said Treasurer Mandel. "I am proud to partner with these organizations across Ohio to help build the foundation for a successful future."

Recent legislation requires financial literacy to be taught in schools throughout Ohio. Senate Bill 311, which passed the Ohio General Assembly and was signed into law in 2007, requires Ohio schools to integrate the study of economics and financial literacy into one or more existing social studies credits so that every high school student receives financial instruction. These new requirements became effective with the graduating class of 2014.

The Ohio Treasurer's Financial EDge initiative leverages technology and public-private partnerships to assist teachers in meeting these financial education requirements and provides free financial education tools to parents, educators and students.

This effort is part of the Ohio Treasurer's office ongoing commitment to providing financial literacy resources to all Ohioans. For more information on these resources please visit [www.OhioTreasurer.gov/Financial\\_Education](http://www.OhioTreasurer.gov/Financial_Education).

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