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COUNTY TREASURER MAKES TIME FOR YOUTH HELPS FOURTH GRADERS WITH SOCIAL STUDIES LESSON

RANSOMVILLE—Niagara County's new treasurer, Kyle R. Andrews of Wilson, took time out of an otherwise tightly-jammed schedule Wednesday to help some local fourth-graders finish their social studies homework.

Andrews, who also recently spoke to a Niagara Falls High School Participation in Government class, visited the fourth grade students at W.H. Stevenson Elementary School in Ransomville and talked with them about what he does as treasurer, what he did as a county legislator, and how a bill becomes a law.

Teachers Jennifer Rotella and Kristin Leardini asked Andrews to talk about his experiences working in both the executive and legislative branches of government. Andrews also led the students in a mock exercise where they debated the merits of going to a four-day school week, and put the matter before a mock board of education and a mock superintendent.

"It's important to me to have the opportunity to work with our youth," Andrews explained after the program. "The fourth grade social studies curriculum has always included a local and state focus, and this was a chance to help these kids get a better grasp of what local government means to them, and to their parents."

Andrews also noted that, having held offices in both the legislative and executive branches of government, he was able to give students some insights into the separation-of-powers concept they are studying.

Asked about the students' grasp of the material, Andrews said he was pleasantly surprised by the experience.

"These students were really sharp," he said. "I wouldn't be surprised if someday a few of them take the opportunity to represent their neighbors in government."