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Minnesota Supreme Court to hear oral arguments at Richfield High School on May 2

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ST. PAUL, MN (April 27, 2023) – The Minnesota Supreme Court will convene at [Richfield High School](#) in Richfield, MN, on Tuesday, May 2, 2023. Approximately 600 students will fill the school auditorium to watch the official court proceedings. The visit is part of a biannual program that seeks to teach students about the work of the state’s highest Court, while building the public’s trust and confidence in the Judicial Branch.

The program will begin at 9:20 a.m., and oral arguments will begin at 9:25 a.m. The Court will hear oral arguments of a real case – *Alejandro Cruz-Guzman, as guardian and next friend of his minor children, et al., Appellants, vs. State of Minnesota, et al., Respondents, Higher Ground Academy, et al., intervenors, Respondents (Case No. A22-0118)*. Oral arguments last approximately one hour.

Following oral arguments, the Supreme Court justices will hold a question-and-answer session with students in the school auditorium. The justices will then hold a brief media availability, before sharing lunch with student leaders and spending the afternoon visiting classrooms.

Richfield Public Schools will livestream the oral arguments and the question-and-answer session at https://youtube.com/live/_p26MVTUnBk. Members of the public interested in the arguments may view the livestream.

“We are so pleased to bring the traveling oral argument program to Richfield High School,” said Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Lorie S. Gildea. “These events are one of the highlights of our work, and my colleagues and I look forward to each of these visits. They are a wonderful opportunity to share the work of the court with the students.”

Since the Supreme Court convened oral arguments in Rochester, MN, in 1995, the school visits have been an important part of the Court’s efforts to improve public understanding of the judiciary’s work. The Richfield High School visit marks the 52nd in-school oral argument for the Court.

"We are thrilled to host the Minnesota Supreme Court Traveling Oral Arguments program at our school," said Richfield High School Principal Stacy Theien-Collins. "This unique opportunity allows our students to witness firsthand the workings of the highest court in our state and to learn about the legal system in a way that is engaging and interactive. It is an incredible honor for us to be selected as a host site, and we are confident that this experience will leave a lasting impression on our students and may even inspire a few of them to consider law school in their future."

The media is invited to attend the oral arguments, the question-and-answer session with students, and the media availability with members of the Supreme Court immediately following the end of the program.

Media requesting to cover the event must refer to the attached Media Resources document for details and requirements.

About the Minnesota Judiciary

The Minnesota Judicial Branch is made up of 10 judicial districts with 296 district court judgeships, 19 Court of Appeals judges and seven Supreme Court justices. The Judicial Branch is governed by the Judicial Council, which is chaired by [Lorie S. Gildea](#), Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court. The Minnesota Judicial Branch is mandated by the Minnesota Constitution to resolve disputes promptly and without delay. An average of 1.1 million case types are filed in Minnesota district courts every year. Visit <http://www.mncourts.gov> for more information.

About Richfield Public Schools

The Richfield Public School District, located just south of Minneapolis, serves approximately 4,100 students in prekindergarten through grade 12. Richfield High School (RHS) is a diverse school community, meeting the academic and social-emotional needs of students. With a variety of course offerings from CTE to AP, students can explore interests, challenge themselves and learn the skills necessary to succeed in reaching their goals after graduation. The graduation rate at Richfield High School exceeds the state average and has eliminated the graduation gap between white students and students of color. For media/press inquiries, please contact Jennifer Valley at Jennifer.valley@rpsmn.org.