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CINCINNATI ‐ Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel visited Oak Hills High School on Thursday to meet with high school students who are studying financial literacy and to discuss how their studies will prepare them for a future beyond the classroom. The students at Oak Hills utilize financial literacy software provided free to the school as part of the Ohio Treasury's Financial EDge program.

Beginning with the graduating class of 2014, students must receive financial literacy training in order to graduate as part of a new statewide financial literacy requirement. The Ohio Treasurer's office developed and launched the Financial EDge program this school year to help Ohio's high schools meet this requirement.

"Financial literacy education is so important for high school students to learn before being sent out in to the real world," said Susan Kallschmidt, Oak Hills Business Teacher. "It has been very beneficial to partner with the State Treasurer's Office to offer programs such as EverFi, Real Money Real World, and NEFE (National Endowment for Financial Literacy). These programs enhance the concepts we learn in our Banking & Finance course and it was such an honor to have Treasurer Mandel visit Oak Hills and talk with our students about the importance of learning financial literacy now."

During Mandel's visit to Oak Hills, he spoke with the students about the importance of understanding basic financial principles.

"Whether you choose to go on to college, the military or the job market, your future will be brighter if you understand how to develop a budget and balance a checkbook," said Treasurer Mandel. "Your life will be a lot less stressful and more successful when you have the financial tools you need. Learning responsible financial practices now is a great start."

For more information on Financial EDge, please visit www.OhioTreasurer.gov/FinancialEDge.

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