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Dear Parents and Families:

Pioneers Co-op once again has the exciting opportunity and privilege of partnering with the Student Statesmanship Institute (SSI) of Lansing to host SSI's Legislative Onsite Program. SSI is Michigan's premiere Leadership and Biblical Worldview Training Program. Pioneers Co-op has been privileged to host this excellent program as a mandatory part of their government course since 1999. **The SSI onsite event will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, March 5th and 6th on the campus of Spring Arbor University!**

This real-life leadership experience combines a state legislature simulation with foundational worldview teaching. Students will participate as state representatives as they study real bills from the Michigan Legislature, debate in a committee meeting, and present their final arguments and vote on their bills in a Legislative Session. Through this fun and competitive learning experience, students will gain an in-depth understanding of the legislative process and many of the issues facing our communities today.

SSI's mission is to see each new generation to live confidently as Ambassadors for Christ, serving their communities, and changing their world! In 30 years of ministry, their programs have impacted over 11,000 students across the Midwest. SSI is excited to bring this dynamic program back this year to the Jackson Area.

We encourage you to be an active part of this experience with our students. One important way that you can participate and support these young people is by attending their final Legislative Session on **Thursday evening, March 6th**. This session is the capstone of the program, when all the students/"representatives" assemble as a legislative body to debate their bills and cast their votes.

A registration form is attached to this letter and an additional information sheet. There is also a copy of the 2025 Onsite Itinerary (subject to change) to give you an idea of how the schedule will run. The registration form should be filled out, signed and returned along with your registration fee in order for your student(s) to participate in the program. Please read over the information and feel free to contact Patti Sailor, Onsite Coordinator, with any questions you might have. You can also check out the SSI web site at www.ssionline.org to learn more about the ministry. A complete SSI onsite packet of information will also be made available on the PIONEERS website. Space is limited and registration is received on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Please save March 5th and 6th on your calendar and plan to join us for this exciting and dynamic program.

Sincerely,

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