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For Immediate Release: Contact: Tony Benz March 25, 2008 Sen. Frank Barnitz Meets with Educational Groups from 16<sup>th</sup> District

JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, recently welcomed two educational groups to the Capital. The South Central Leadership Academy gives teachers an opportunity to continue learning while the Dent County Extension Youth Leadership Academy promotes youth involvement in their community.

"Whether teachers or students, these groups are committed to continuing their education," said Sen. Barnitz. "Education is such an important issue in Missouri, and I am always glad to meet with groups so dedicated to learning."



Frank A. Barnitz

16<sup>th</sup> Senate District

The South Central Leadership Academy met with Sen. Barnitz (far left) outside his office. Visiting teachers included Michelle Smith of Gasconade County, Marsha Smith of Waynesville, Sherri Thomas of Rolla, Monica Davis of Rolla, Mark Parker of Waynesville, Butch O'Riley of Waynesville, Ken Hunoft of Gasconade County, and Susan Hodges of the Leadership Academy.



The Dent County Extension Youth Leadership Academy came to the Capitol. The group included Darr Marlott, Ashley Greenshields, Kimberly Land, Jordan Headrick, Taylor Fry, Caetlin Brantley, Kendra Case, Nicole Finnell, Jeff Herndon, Eddie Fleetwood. There were accompanied by Vocational Ag teachers Bob Parsons and Heather Johnson.

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