

Crime solving educational materials available through AG

Attorney General Mike DeWine recently launched the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Science School, which will provide fourth-grade students with access to materials to solve crimes along with Ohio investigators.

The BCI Science School, developed by a former fourth-grade teacher, features 26 free, hands-on lesson plans incorporating the topics of science, technology, English, math and the arts that allow students to conduct fictional criminal investigations.

DeWine said his classroom visits have revealed a keen interest on the part of students in the state's crime lab.

“These kids are watching TV, they’re seeing crime shows, they’re seeing DNA and fingerprints, and so I thought, well there ought to be some way to bring this to the classroom so that these kids would know that these are real jobs,” DeWine said. “Maybe they can be a scientist, maybe they can work at the crime lab or maybe they can do some scientific research.”

The educator-friendly program – which can be adapted for third grade – can be shared with students over the course of a school year, or completed in just a month. The curriculum can also be adapted for student camps and afterschool programs.

Learn more online at:

<http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Law-Enforcement/Bureau-of-Criminal-Investigation/BCI-Science-School>

