



# JOSH MANDEL

## STATE TREASURER OF OHIO

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SPRINGFIELD — More than 350 Springfield High School students who earned certificates in February got a visit from Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel Thursday morning.

The students logged more than 740 combined hours learning to manage checking accounts, mortgage through the Everfi Financial Literacy training course. Every student in the school participates in government class.

It's a partnership between the school district, the treasurer's office and Security National Bank.

"Whether they're going to go to college, go onto the military or go get a job after school, we want to make sure they have the financial skills they need," Mandel said. "Kids throughout the country are not always equipped with those skills."

The program uses new media technology — including videos, animations, 3D gaming and social media — to teach students the financial skills they'll need to run their households in the future.

"Often what I hear is, 'I wish this was in schools when I was in school,'" Mandel said.

The project is a great example of a state government agency working with a private sector partner. Springfield City School District Superintendent David Estrop.

Mandel's office has partnered with about 200 districts statewide.

"Here in Springfield, they're really setting the bar and setting the example for how a financial literacy program should be done," Mandel said.

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