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San Diego Superior Court Hosts South County High School Students *Castle Park High School Attends Open Doors to Justice Program*

In an effort to expose young people to the California judicial system, the South County Division of the San Diego Superior Court will open its courtrooms to more than 75 Castle Park High School students on Friday, October 25th. The half-day program, titled *Open Doors to Justice*, will run from 9:30AM to 1:30PM at 500 Third Avenue, Chula Vista and will include mock trials.

By providing an opportunity to meet with judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and law enforcement officials, the *Open Doors to Justice* program's goal is to show high school students how the judicial system operates and impacts their community. The program will also give students a look at future career opportunities in the legal and criminal justice fields. "We are thrilled with the opportunity of having high school students come to our courthouse and learn about the justice system and the different jobs that make it work. We hope they take away from this experience the confidence to pursue their dreams!" says Superior Court Judge Ana España.

The October 25th program will include a Mock Trial session where the students will assume the various roles in a courtroom, including court clerk and opposing attorneys. An additional goal of the half-day event will be to attract more South County High Schools to participate in the annual Countywide Mock Trial competition held each February.

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