

KIBSD Youth Leadership Begins Second Year

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The school board's Student Leadership Program is now into its second year. On Monday night, local office holders addressed this year's young leaders-in-training. The small group of elementary students in Kodiak and in the villages listened to representatives from the city, the borough, the school district and the state board of education.

School

board President Norm Wooten spoke to the students about his role and the role of the school board. He asked the children if they knew what a school board does.

-- (KIBSD Future 1 :54 "I didn't think so....assembly person.")

As part of their introduction to leadership, the students will serve as pages at school board meetings. They will also have the opportunity to share their experience with some of the local community groups.

The school board president confessed to the small crowd that

he once had a fear of public speaking. He told the students that one of his wishes was that they would grow up to be people who did not have that fear.

Wooten also took the opportunity to address the parents of the future leaders.

-- (KIBSD Future 2 :50 "And if I could...into the ring.")

Superintendent Stewart McDonald said that the purpose of the program is to help connect children to public service. His hope is that the students will gain an interest in how government works and that some day they'll become active participants.

The school board's Student Leadership Program is overseen by school board secretary and district administrative assistant, Bonnie Baker.