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### **Prosecutor DeGenova and staff engage with Youngstown middle school students**

**YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (Friday, March 3, 2023)** - Prosecutor DeGenova and members of her staff met with Youngstown middle school students today to discuss the various functions of the Prosecutor's Office highlighting the different types of jobs available within the office for those students who may be interested in a career in public service.

They also described their own pathways to success and encouraged students that it is never too early to begin to plan for their futures. Joining Prosecutor DeGenova in the discussion today were Chief Assistant Linette Stratford, Senior Attorney Lori Shells-Simmons, Director of Communications and Community Outreach Alan Rodges, and Investigator Randy Malleske.

This is the second time Prosecutor DeGenova and her staff met with area students. Last October, they gave a presentation to nearly 300 Boardman 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to promote confidence by encouraging students to embrace their natural talents. Prosecutor DeGenova and her team intend to continue to engage with area youth and plan to meet with elementary students soon. According to DeGenova, "Now more than ever, it is important to engage our youth at an early age. They are our future."