

Erdkinder Students at WSU Model Legislature 2019

On November 21st & 22nd, a handful of 7th and 8th graders from Bluffview participated in the 57th Annual WSU Model Legislature. The Model Legislature is open to area schools including Austin, Cotter, Rushford-Peterson, WSHS, WMS, Southeast Technical College, Winona State, and of course Bluffview. There were also a number of Bluffview alumni participating from other schools.



To participate, each student chooses a bill that was proposed during the 2019 Minnesota legislative session and adopts it as their own. Students then create arguments in favor of their bill and present it through four committees, the House, the Senate, which then goes to be signed by the "Governor". James Bublitz was able to get his bill regarding the opening of

hunting/fishing season passed all the way to the Governor, but it did not become law. Coral Bausman also presented her bill proposing a new statue in St. Paul to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of women's suffrage to the House of Representatives. This resulted in a feisty exchange among students who felt the vote was biased and ultimately people were voting along gender lines. Many of our other students presented their bills in committee, but were unable to get them heard by the chambers of congress.

In addition to learning in detail about how our government works at both the state and federal levels, the students had the opportunity to meet our state representative Gene Pelowski. Bluffview students were also interviewed and featured in the [Winona Post](#)! Thanks to our students for demonstrating courage and excellence while participating in this event. Many positive comments were made about their abilities compared to their older peers. Bluffview Proud!



Pictured Top: Erdkinder students with Rep. Gene Pelowski.

Pictured Middle: Xavier Anderson presenting his bill to the Ways and Means Committee.

Pictured Bottom: Jasmine Knutsen presenting her bill to the Judiciary Committee.