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Renton Mayor Presents Key to the City to Kid Government

Renton/Skyway Boys & Girls Club members quickly becoming tomorrow's leaders

Seattle - When the members of the Renton/Skyway Boys & Girls Club walk through the Club doors after school, they are walking into their own city. These kids literally govern what is called a "MicroSociety". They hold town hall meetings and elect officers and cabinet members. They designed business proposals, draft laws and run banks complete with the issuing of loans. Recently, President Hunter Eider, 12, laid down the law and said, "If paychecks are wrong, we have to organize things."

Welcome to Renway, a city named by its citizens and supported by the encouragement offered by the MicroSociety Program, volunteers and staff at the Club. On Tuesday, June 9th, Renton Mayor Denis Law will speak at the official inauguration and present the key to the city to the citizens of Renway.

The MicroSociety at the Renton/Skyway Club provides members with challenging situations that develop real skills. Kids are empowered by this city and are excited to learn through real-life experiences. The citizens are learning how to run a government and are acquiring the knowledge on how to run their own business like the Renway Café, the Marketplace and the city bank. Through participation in MicroSociety, kids are learning the skills necessary to succeed in school and as adults.

Focus areas in the MicroSociety Program at the Club include: Academic Success, Good Character/Citizenship, Financial Literacy, and Career Development.

WHO:

- Denis Law, City of Renton Mayor
- Mary Alice Heuschel, Superintendent of Renton School District
- Bill Taylor, President and CEO of the Renton Chamber
- 45 Citizens of Renway (Boys & Girls Club members)
- Members of the community, sponsors, volunteers

WHAT:

- Inauguration of the City of Renway
- Renton Mayor Denis Law presents key to the city to the citizens of Renway
- Tour of Renway

**WHEN: June 9, 2009
5:00pm-6:30pm**

5:00pm-6:00pm – Marketplace and tours of Renway

6:00pm-6:15pm – Mayor Denis Law speaks and presents key to the city

WHERE: Renton/Skyway Boys & Girls Club
12400 80th Ave. S
Seattle, WA 98178

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Boys & Girls Clubs of King County exists to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens. With 13 full-service Clubs and 28 before- and after-school program sites, the organization is one of the largest of its kind in the nation, serving 30,000 youth annually. Program areas offered to youth include character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts, computer training and sports/fitness/recreation opportunities. For more information, visit www.positiveplace.org.