

## **Lt. Governor Visits Northwest Leadership Academy**

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On the afternoon of Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> the Lt. Gov. of Saskatchewan, his Honour the Honourable Dr. Gordon Barnhart, S.O.M., spoke at length to students of the Northwest Leadership Academy. In the course of the afternoon he shared his leadership journey with the students and heard about projects and activities related to the Leadership Academy course from the delegates.

Dr. Barnhart, an acclaimed historian and recognized expert on the Canadian parliamentary process, has always strongly believed that youth are the key to Saskatchewan's future. In pursuance of this belief he established the Lieutenant Governor's Leadership Forum to inspire high school students to rise to the challenge of leadership.

The Leadership Academy was created by staff in the Northwest School Division to give the students in all of the schools the chance to have access to, and the expectation of, leadership training. Students meet once every six weeks in a central location to participate in a credit course that explores styles of leadership, group dynamics, conflict resolution, team building, project planning and execution, and evaluating.

The students of the Academy were excited to be able to share their work with the Lieutenant Governor as well as their thoughts and concerns regarding access to leadership training opportunities. Also in attendance were the Mayor of Edam, Mr. Larry McDaid, the Board Chair, Mrs. Faith Graham, and the Director of Education, Mr. Glen Winkler. After the session His Honour stayed and spent some casual time with the young leaders.