



Indiana Congressman André Carson visits with students at Ben Davis High School



Students at Ben Davis High School got a chance to ask Representative André Carson about a variety of topics — including what it was like to fly with President Obama on Air Force One — during the congressman’s visit to the school Tuesday, February 9.

Rep Carson spoke with more than 400 social studies students about a variety of topics, including the importance of noting the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, passed in 1965.

“It’s critically important, because if you understand the history of trying to block minority groups from voting, it was pretty deliberate and pretty forceful,” Rep. Carson said.

The students gathered in the school’s Little Theater for an hour to listen to Rep. Carson speak and then ask questions. They wanted to know about a variety of topics, including the federal minimum wage debate and immigration.

Carson believes the federal minimum wage should be at least \$10, and that \$15 would be “ideal.” And he says he favors President Obama’s immigration plan. “We can develop a pathway to citizenship,” Carson said.

Rep. Carson accompanied President Obama to Indianapolis aboard Air Force One on Friday, February 6, for the president’s visit to the main campus of Ivy Tech Community College. Carson

said the plane has a section for the White House staff, another section for members of congress, and a section for members of the press.

Carson said that while he was on Air Force One, he and the president had “honest discussion about making Indiana a better place.”

Rep. Carson told the students that the most exciting aspect of his job is being able to help people.

“If you don’t really care about people,” he said, “people are going to see through it. You have to have a heart of service.”