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## **New Pasco Truancy Court Featured In the Tampa Bay Times**

New Port Richey - Pasco County's revived Truancy Court, with Senior Judge Declan Mansfield presiding, was featured in the April 5 edition of the Tampa Bay Times.

Reporter Jeffrey S. Solochek observed the court in a session in March, and listened as Judge Mansfield spent about 15 minutes on each case.

In one, a mother who spoke no English was asked to explain why her fifth-grader missed 69 of 116 class days since August. One problem was that, when the boy did go to school, his mother picked him up more than an hour before the last bell because the mother has to be at work before classes end.

Judge Mansfield issued an order that the boy must attend school every day.

"To get an education, you have to be there," the judge is quoted as saying.

To read the entire story, click on this link:



Judge Mansfield