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## Senator Fuschillo to Hold Informational Cyber-Bullying Webcast on February 7th

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The graphic features a dark blue background. At the top, the text "Senator Fuschillo's Online Cyber Bullying Web Cast" is written in white. Below this is a photograph of a person with long brown hair, seen from the side, covering their face with their hand. In the background of the photo is a computer monitor displaying a pink sticky note with the text "I CAN RUIN UR LIFE NO 1 LIKES YOU! LOSER!" and a small blue arrow pointing right. At the bottom of the graphic, the text "February 7, 2012 7:00PM" is written in white.

Senator Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr. (R-Merrick) will be holding an informational webcast to help students and parents better confront the dangers of cyber-bullying.

The webcast will held on Tuesday, February 7th from 7 to 7:30 pm. Both parents and students are invited to watch the webcast, which will be streamed live over the Internet, by visiting Senator Fuschillo's website, [Fuschillo.nysenate.gov](http://Fuschillo.nysenate.gov).

The webcast will feature an informational discussion about cyber bullying and the impact it has on children. Students will learn about steps they can take if they are being bullied, as well as the importance of looking out for each other and not being a bystander when cyber-bullying occurs. In addition, parents will learn about the warning signs to spot if their child might be being bullied. It will also provide informational resources about where students affected by cyber bullying can turn for help.

Senator Fuschillo will be joined by John Halligan, whose 13 year old son Ryan committed suicide in 2003 after continually being bullied, ridiculed, and humiliated by his classmates in school and over the internet. Since his son's death, Mr. Halligan has traveled across the country to tell other students about Ryan's story to help them understand the devastating impact that bullying and cyber bullying has on its victims.

Senator Fuschillo and Mr. Halligan will also be joined by two Seaford High School students, who will talk about the challenges students face with cyber-bullying today.

To watch Senator Fuschillo's online cyber-bullying webcast, please visit Senator Fuschillo's website, [Fuschillo.nysenate.gov](http://Fuschillo.nysenate.gov) on February 7th at 7 pm.