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Senator Martins Presents 'How a Bill Becomes a Law' at St. Mary's School

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Senator Jack M. Martins has been visiting schools throughout the Seventh Senate District to present “How a Bill Becomes a Law,” a program his office started to engage elementary schools in the process of state government. Most recently, he visited the St. Mary's School in Manhasset to speak to fifth grade students about how a bill becomes a law.

Senator Martins told the students that it all starts with an idea and then involves building consensus through the legislature, which includes the New York State Senate and New York State Assembly. If the bill passes both houses, it is sent to the Governor, who can sign the bill into law or veto it.

Senator Martins ends the discussion by asking students for their ideas for bills. The program has been embraced by schools as an educational tool to get students thinking about public service.

“I want to thank the students of the St. Mary's School for having me. The discussion was a lot of fun and, hopefully, educational for them. As I tell all the students I meet with, public service always begins with the desire to make a difference,” Senator Martins said.

For more on Senator Martins’ “How a Bill Becomes a Law” program, visit his website at www.martins.nysenate.gov.