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Senator Phil Boyle Combats Cyberbullying; West Babylon Jr. High School Students Get "Internet Smart"

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West Babylon, NY - Senator Phil Boyle (R-Bay Shore) recently joined with Cablevision in sponsoring the *Internet Smarts* program at the West Babylon Jr. High School in an effort to help protect students from the dangers of the internet.

"In today's digital world, it is vital that young people treat one another with respect and fully understand that irresponsible online behavior can have devastating repercussions," Senator Phil Boyle said. "I am proud to be part of this shared effort to spread awareness about the dangers of the Internet and the real threats facing our children today."

The *Internet Smarts* program educates students about internet safety and how devastating cyberbullying can be to its victims. It also provides students with the necessary resources and knowledge to safely navigate the web, emphasizing responsible online behavior.

At the event, West Babylon Jr. High School students explored Internet safety by sharing innovative presentations. Student members of the Mock Trial Team and SOS Club at West Babylon Jr. High School were recognized at the event and are now certified as "Internet Smart." As part of the program, participating students, along with Senator Boyle, signed a pledge to "Delete Cyberbullying."

Power to Learn, Cablevision's nationally recognized education initiative, is dedicated to integrating technology into education. Its *Internet Smarts* program provides students with curriculum and tools designed to teach safe and appropriate Internet use. For more information about *Power to Learn*, visit www.powertolearn.com.

For more information about this and other upcoming events that Senator Boyle sponsors, visit his website at boyle.nysenate.gov or call his District Office at (631) 665-2311.

Photograph: Senator Phil Boyle joins with West Babylon Jr. High School students, administrators, teachers, and parents for Cablevision's *Internet Smarts* program to educate students about the dangers of the internet.