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## Student Focus Group on the Common Core

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### **Senator Boyle Hears Students Thoughts on Common Core**

*Middle and High School Students gather to discuss Common Core Curriculum*

March 5, 2014 - Bay Shore, NY – Discussion on the Common Core Curriculum has dominated headlines of late with every major stakeholder stepping up to make their thoughts known. From parents and teachers; educational groups and administrators and elected officials on both sides of the aisle, everyone has made it a point to weigh in on one side or the other. That is, all except those with the most at stake – the students. NYS Senator Phil Boyle is making it a point to hear the voices of the largest stakeholders as he convenes a series of Focus Group Discussions on

topics that directly impact students; the inaugural topic was the Common Core.

The first of a series of focus group discussions took place on Friday, March 7, 2014 from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM at the Suffolk County Community College, Brentwood Campus in the Van Nostrand Theater.

Senator Boyle's Program is designed to capture the thoughts, needs and interests of young people in the area through open dialogue with their peers.

"The topic of Common Core is sure to strengthen over the next month," said Senator Phil Boyle. "And, to be sure I fully understand the implications of this new curriculum there is one group that I would like to hear from, and that is the students. The very ones that are required to embrace this new concept of learning and succeed."