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Dear School Board Member:

I am pleased to let you know that The Office of the Attorney General is coming to White Plains on November 15<sup>th</sup>. I am writing to invite you and your school community to join me and my senior staff at a community forum on **Thursday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Westchester County Center at 198 Central Avenue in White Plains**. Please note: there will be free parking for this event at the county center.

We are hoping that we can encourage your students and their parents to join us at this forum so that hear about our office's student loan investigation and learn more about the lending process. As you probably know, we launched a nationwide investigation into the student loan industry for questionable and deceptive practices earlier this year. The inquiry concerns incentives that certain student loan companies may be offering or providing to secure placement on schools' "preferred lender" lists, as well as other lender activity which might create conflicts of interest.

Our office is committed to providing guidance to students and their families so they have the necessary information to make smart decisions about their student loans. Therefore, at the forum we will share the "Student Bill of Rights" so students know what rights they have when taking out a loan. They will also learn more about the recently passed law making New York the first state in the nation to offer a comprehensive solution to the widespread abuse in the student loan industry, called the Student Lending Accountability, Transparency, and Enforcement (SLATE) Act.

*Through this forum, students and their families will learn the questions to ask when selecting the right student loan for them - a decision that could save them thousands of dollars for many years.*

**We would like to work with you to let your school community know about this forum. Please call Paul Thomas, Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, at 212-416-6271 if you are interested in having us mail to the student body, distribute flyers at the school or upcoming events or partner in another way to circulate this information.**

In addition to student loans, the senior attorneys will be discussing other important topics of interest to your school community: health care, the environment, civil and labor rights and consumer fraud. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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