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One, Action. Alright as Mr. Thompson was saying, my name is Art Johnson, but the students that I worked with for years call me Dr. J. I was a high school principal for 22 years and now I'm superintendent which means I work with all of the students a 170,000, all of the principals 170 in Palm Beach County. And were here this morning to talk about a very important issue, and that is your cyber safety. Now, who can tell me by a show of hands what the word "cyber" means? Yes sir.

Child: The internet.

Superintendent Johnson: You said the internet, absolutely. Does anyone else want to offer any other suggestions? Yes.

Child: Virtual.

Superintendent Johnson: And one more.

Child: Pertaining to electronics.

Superintendent Johnson: Pertaining to electronics. So when we say cyber space, cyber bullying, were talking about your ability as young people to communicate with others. Now how many of you have a cell phone? Raise of hands. Wow! When I was in school nobody had a cell phone. How many of you have a camera cell phone? How many of you have a computer? How many of you have talk to a friend on a chat room? How many of you have talked to someone you never meet before? Raise your hands high. How many of you have talked to someone you thought, umm I'm not sure if I need to be talking to this person? Okay, by show of hands tell me what you did.

Child: (faintly speaking)

Superintendent Johnson: Anyone else? Yes.

Child: (faintly speaking)

Superintendent Johnson: I'm sorry.

Child: (faintly speaking)

Superintendent Johnson: You just turned it off? Delete? Okay, well we are here this morning to give you as much education about this whole business of cyber space, cyber safety, cyber bullying and most importantly cyber predators. How many of you seen some of the horrible things that have happened to students here in Palm Beach County from adults in Palm Beach County, in the newspaper? Sure you have because there is way, way too much of that going on.

Now, our speaker this morning is Bill McCollum, he is the Attorney General for the state of Florida. Now in the state of Florida we have a government in which the highest ranking official, the administrator, in the state of Florida is the what? The go-vernor, the governor. The governor is the chief administrative officer, and then we have the legislature that provides us the ability to make laws etc and then we have the courts. We have the supreme courts and so on. But the governor has the attorney general, and the attorney general is an individual who has a law degree and he takes care of all of the legal issues in the state of Florida, and he is most concern about young people. Now, our attorney general has served a tremendous amount of different ways to help the people of Florida. For one thing he is a product of the state of Florida; he went to a small town that I am familiar with name Brooksville, which is up in the center part of the state. For all of you Gators fans, he went to the University of Florida. And then if you understand and appreciate what's going on in the world right now, he served the United States Navy. So he was a patriot, someone who represented our country to make sure that we are kept safe. And while he was in there, he was involved with what is called the JAG program. Now the JAG program is the judiciary of the military because sometimes, unfortunately, when people are in the military they do things for which they have to go to the court and then they have a system, a JAG program, to be able to handle that. When he came back, he got involved in politics, and he became part of the United State Congress. Now the legislature, the Florida Legislature is in what city?

Children: Tallahassee.

Superintendent Johnson: Tallahassee, but the United States Congress is in what place?

Children: Washington.

Superintendent Johnson: Washington, very good joint response and Bill McCollum served in Washington for 20 years, long time, long time. And he came back and he decided that he was going to run for attorney general and he became the Attorney General of Florida. Now I want you to understand that the thing that I know about Mr. McCollum, I know that he is probably not aware that I'm going to say this is, is that he is a very very tough guy. He is a gentleman, he is a daddy, he is a husband, and he is a good public official. But he is a tough guy and is doesn't lose. So when he gets his teeth into something, he intends to make it happen, and what he is intending to do here is not only help educate you about cyber safety, but he is going to prosecute and created the necessary public policies to keep all students safe. So, I want you to give a really big warm Boca Middle School welcome to our guest Attorney General Bill McCollum.

(Applause)

Attorney General Bill McCollum: Thank you, for that was a wonderful introduction. Thank you, Thank you so much. I tell you that was about the best introduction that a person could ever get, Dr. Johnson. I really appreciate that and I think you warmed up this exactly right. I want to thank the Mayor Abrams for being out here today and I want to thank Principal Jack. Your principal for letting us come here today. I also want to thank your school resource officers for what they do, we really appreciate that. I think that if you want to give anybody else a round of applause today it ought to be those who come from law enforcement in our schools. We really appreciate that.

(Applause)

Attorney General Bill McCollum: Well what I'm going to do, I'm going to talk to you today about what we just heard. And I'm going to take this jacket off and I know Dr. J didn't, but I'm going to get all warmed up and I'm going to take this microphone off too. If it will come off. I don't know if it will come off, will it come off? Alright, I'll just pull it. There we go, it's off. We are going to talk today about a big problem in the whole United States, it isn't just here, and I'm going to move this here over a little bit. Opps, it making a little noise here for the TV camera. Because I don't want it to block the screen and my chance to look at it. There are 77 million children in the United States that are on the internet everyday and of those 77 million those ages 10 to 17, and you all fit into that group, 1 out of every 7 will be solicited for sex. In Florida, we think it's closer to 1 out of every 5 and that's really remarkable. That means that somebody in this room, cause we got a couple hundred kids here and certainly in the whole school system, more than one somebody, a bunch of somebody have probably already been solicited for sex. And that's kind of a scary thing for parent and it should be a scary thing for you, but at the same time the internet is a wonderful place to be. It's an educational place; it's a fun place to go for games. Nobody wants to keep you off that. I saw you raise your hand, everybody has got a computer, you got your cell phone, you got a wonderful opportunity to do things that Dr. Jay and I could never have done when we were growing up as kids. But it's important, I've got three boys and two grandsons and I real concern myself, personally about all of this. So we are going to see some things today, I going to show you a couple of clips, we are going to darken the room a bit, and hopeful the television will pick up whatever we do here with that. But we want you to be able to see this and I hope we can man the light switches here. I want to run this first video clip here for you and then we are going to talk to you about it a little bit, okay? Let's see if we can go ahead with this first clip.