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### Barraga Meets with Group on Domestic Violence



**Shown in picture L to R-; Thomas F. Barraga, Suffolk County Legislator (R-West Islip); Christopher Hall, Student and Sharp Coordinator from The Retreat, Inc; Haylee Hebenstreit, Student at Stony Brook University; Patrice Schultz, Student at Stony Brook University**

Suffolk County Legislator Tom Barraga (R) West Islip recently met with a group that would like to see Suffolk County establish a Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board whose purpose would be to review domestic violence related deaths in Suffolk with the underlying objectives of preventing them in the future, preserving the safety of battered women, and holding accountable the perpetrators of domestic violence and the multiple agencies and organizations that come into contact with the parties. "In Suffolk County there were 38 domestic violence related deaths from 2009-2013. Data gathered by the Fatality Review Board would not be used to find fault but to find opportunities for improvement to prevent future deaths." - said Barraga.