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Seconds Can Save Lives Legislator Sarah Anker Launches Plan to Protect Children in Suffolk County

Mount Sinai, NY, January 2013 – Legislator Anker is moving forward with legislation to provide a direct line of communication between schools and the Suffolk County Police Department. The new legislation will examine the feasibility of installing emergency notification systems in schools throughout Suffolk County. Serving as an additional safeguard, the study will provide recommendations to streamline communication between school districts and local law enforcement agencies.

“As Chair of the Education Committee, former school board member and mother of three, I will continue to work closely with the county and our local police departments to utilize all appropriate resources to improve the safety for our students and staff against these senseless acts of violence,” said Legislator Anker. “If emergency notification systems are available to banks, hospitals and businesses, why wouldn’t we have the same system in place to protect our children? A direct line of communication is critical –seconds can save lives.”

Due to the urgency and timeliness of the study, Legislator Anker is working with the County Executive’s office to introduce the bill as a Certificate of Necessity on Tuesday, February 5th at the General Legislative meeting. This will greatly expedite the legislative process.