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## **Fall River high school students to participate in May 19 MBA Law Day event focused on Freedom of Speech on the Internet**

Boston, Mass. —Students at B.M.C. Durfee High School in Fall River will participate in the Massachusetts Bar Association’s Law Day Initiative on Thursday, May 19 focused on the topic: “Freedom of Speech on the Internet.”

“This unique program is an important addition to the high school curriculum because it provides young people with a strong awareness of the law and its impact on society,” MBA President Denise Squillante said. “We are so thankful for the numerous attorneys and judges who have generously donated their time to make this program a reality.”

Volunteer attorney/judge teams from the MBA will visit classes at each school and present the lesson, which will encourage students to:

- Consider the scope of their right to free speech outside and inside schools;
- Apply the free speech concept to student use of the Internet; and
- Deliberate whether, and to what degree, there should be limits on children's use in public libraries.

Schools in Springfield and Worcester are also participating.

The MBA is appreciative of the Massachusetts Judges Conference for its assistance with recruiting volunteer judges for this endeavor.

Law Day is a national day of celebration in May focusing on the United States’ heritage of liberty under law and recognizing its role in our daily lives. Celebratory events are often held throughout the month of May. President Dwight D. Eisenhower gave Law Day its name by declaration in 1958.

**Reporters and/or photographers must seek approval from each school if they wish to interview and/or photograph minors participating in the program.**

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