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#### **Governor Urges High School Students to Become Involved in Government During Address to Youths**

Gov. Christie Whitman today outlined the responsibilities of the executive branch of state government to an audience of high school students. She also urged the students to take an active interest in government issues.

"I've been talking a lot lately about the need for people to take responsibility for ourselves and our communities," the Governor said. "Certainly, part of being a responsible member of society is learning about and getting involved in government."

"For some, that involvement may be a career in public service," Governor Whitman told the students who were participating in the New Jersey CLOSE UP program. "For others, it may mean supporting a candidate's campaign, writing letters to the editor, or getting signatures on a petition about an issue that means a lot to you."

New Jersey CLOSE UP is a non-partisan, non-profit forum for the involvement of youth in government.

Attached is a copy of the Governor's remarks.