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Governor to Urge Young Persons to Take Active Interest in Government

Gov. Christie Whitman will urge young persons to take an active interest in government when she addresses an audience of New Jersey high school students tomorrow in the Assembly Chambers in the State House.

"We need young people to take an active interest in government not only for their own sake but also for the sake of our future," the Governor will state during her address. "I've been talking a lot lately about the need for people to take responsibility for ourselves and our communities. Certainly, part of being a responsible member of society is learning about and getting involved in government."

The high school students who will be in attendance tomorrow are participating in New Jersey CLOSE UP, a nonpartisan, nonprofit citizenship education program for high school students. It is modeled after the Washington-based program, CLOSE UP.