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### **COUNCIL MEMBER MARK WEPRIN KICKS-OFF A NEW PRE-MEDICAL PROGRAM FOR MARTIN VAN BUREN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AT NORTH SHORE-LIJ**

NEW HYDE PARK, QUEENS, April 26, 2013 – Today, Council Member Mark S. Weprin (D-Oakland Gardens) joined community members and local elected officials to kick-off a unique collaboration between Martin Van Buren High School and North Shore Long Island Jewish Medical Center (LIJ).

“Principal Sam Sochet has made amazing strides, and this a great step toward making Van Buren a destination high school,” said Council Member Weprin.

The pre-medical program aims to strengthen the neighborhood school and create a rigorous curriculum for the students in Queens.

“LIJ has a long tradition of mentoring students, and this is just a continuation with a specific focus on our city’s schools,” said Denice Romero, Director of Volunteer Services, NS-LIJ.

The program starts this fall; North Shore-LIJ will offer its facilities to students to conduct clinical research. Students will be mentored by the hospital’s doctors as well as participate in hands-on experiences through internships.

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Attachments: Council Member Mark Weprin announces the launch of a new pre-medical program at Martin Van Buren High School at North Shore-LIJ with Assembly Member David Weprin, NY State Senator Tony Avella, NS-LIJ staffers, Martin Van Buren students and educators.