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**MESSMER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS STUDENTS USE DISTANCE
LEARNING TECHNOLOGY TO ASK QUESTIONS, SHARE CONCERNS
WITH UNITED STATES SENATOR HERB KOHL.**

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Milwaukee, WI, February 24, 2010 - Messmer High School American Government students had the opportunity to set aside their civics textbooks in order to become active participants in the national political discourse. Messmer's state of the art distance learning technology provided students the opportunity to see and communicate with United States Senator Herb Kohl in real time his Washington D.C. office in a question and answer session.

During the session, Messmer students posed a variety of questions to Senator Kohl. The questions ranged from inquiries about his personal motivation to enter politics after years as a successful businessman, to several questions about the highly topical Health Care Reform Bill. Senator Kohl answered all the students' questions and commended them on their interest in making a difference in their communities.

The session concluded with some words of advice from Senator Kohl to the students. The senator encouraged the students to make the most of their education, reinforcing that education and hard work are the keys to success in life.

Messmer High School's Distance Learning Lab gives students the opportunity to participate in classes offered anywhere in the world. Through this cutting-edge technology, students have observed knee replacement surgery and an autopsy, they have spoken with *CNN's* Lou Dobbs, participated in a presentation on world religions and have interviewed numerous authors.

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