Bullproof Outreach Script

Good morning!! My name is __________. I am a local attorney (here in town) (or from _____) and with me I have _________________. [Have other participants introduce themselves and where they're from.] We are all members of an organization of attorneys, the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (or your local org). Through our organization, we are involved in an exciting project: "Bullyproof: Young Lawyers Educating and Empowering to End Bullying" and we are here to talk to you about a very important and often underreported problem in schools: bullying. We are here because we care and want you to know if you are dealing with bullying: it gets better! You guys probably know more about that than we do, but we are here to discuss the issue and ways we as a group can try to deal with it.

Did you know:

- 1 out of 10 students drop out of school because of repeated bullying?
- 56 percent of students have personally witnessed some type of bullying at school? Maybe you have witnessed bullying or been bullied yourself
- Over 3.2 million students are victims of bullying each year?
- Approximately 160,000 teens skip school every day because of bullying?

Those are high numbers right? So what does this mean for you and your school? We are here to discuss that exact question.

[Next do Assessment if performing one, if not then straight to video]

- IF PERFORMING SCHOOL ASSESSMENT ➔ To get us started, we are going to ask you to answer a set of questions. Don’t worry it's not a test. We just want you to answer these questions
privately so we can give this information to your teachers, so they can hear from you what’s going on here at school. [After assessment, video]

We are going to watch a video that discusses bullying. You might recognize some famous faces in the video. Pay attention, we are going to play a game later and there might be prizes for those who get the correct answers to questions based on the video.

[After the video]

Hope you all enjoyed the video and some of the special guests featured in it discussing this important issue. As you heard, there are a number of issues related to bullying we are addressing in this program and here today.

[Either have someone share personal testimonial about overcoming bullying or go directly to trivia game]

Now, we are going to play a game to see how much we learned about bullying and ways to handle it. Are we ready for some fun?! [Use family feud style game on powerpoint]

Thank you all for your attention and for having us to discuss this important issue. I hope you learned some things, had some fun and now have some tools to better deal with bullying issues. And remember, even if you are currently being bullied, there are people that can help you and It Gets Better!!

[Provide copies of the Know Your Rights document to students on their way out and leave the results of the Assessment, if performed, with the faculty or school administrator]