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## Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - March 26, 2021



This week, I am warning parents of high school students about emerging standardized test preparation scams.

Standardized testing is a stressful time for students and parents alike, and many parents will purchase test prep services for their children to ease this burden. Unfortunately, scammers often pose as members of educational organizations in an attempt to swindle parents—promising test prep and other educational services with no intention of delivering a product or service.

As graduation approaches and the rush to submit college applications is underway, be on guard against this type of fraud by:

- Knowing that the College Board will not ask for passwords, bank accounts or credit card numbers by phone or email. They also will not make unsolicited calls to students or parents;
- Checking to see if your child's school, local library or community center offers free or discounted test preparation materials;
- Contacting your child's school to see if a solicitation received is legitimate and tied to a school offering as it may claim; and
- Never providing banking or credit card information in response to an unsolicited call, email or social media message.

For more tips to avoid these and other similar scams, view the *Scams at a Glance: Imposter Scams* brochure [here](#).

By guarding against scams and reporting suspicious activity, you can help us build a Stronger, Safer Florida.



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