

Proclamation

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Schools make substantial contributions to the future of America and to the development of our nation's young people as knowledgeable, responsible, and productive citizens; and
- WHEREAS, Excellence in education is dependent on safe, secure, and peaceful school settings; and
- WHEREAS, The safety and well-being of many students, teachers, and school staff are unnecessarily jeopardized by crime and violence, such as substance abuse, gangs, bullying, poor discipline, vandalism, and absenteeism in our schools; and
- WHEREAS, All leaders-especially those in education, law enforcement, government, and business-should eagerly collaborate with each other to focus public attention on school safety and identify, develop, and promote answers to these critical issues; and
- WHEREAS, Safe and respectful schools and school districts throughout the country, along with innovative national programs, are among those answers; and
- WHEREAS, The observance of Safe Schools Week encourages students, parents, educators, and the community to realize that everyone needs to do their part to stop bullying by being "Part of the Cure" in order to promote efforts to provide Kentucky schools with positive and safe learning climates:

Now, Therefore, we do hereby proclaim October 21-27, 2012 as
"SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK"

And encourage all fraternal, legal, government and professional associations, students and educators in America's schools to formally adopt similar resolutions and proclamations so that we may enthusiastically work together to make our schools safe, secure, and peaceful places for learning, teaching, and working, free of drugs, alcohol, weapons, and fear.

Done this 9th day of October, in the year Two Thousand and Twelve.

David Karem, Chair
Kentucky Board of Education

Terry Holliday, Commissioner
Kentucky Department of Education