

Kentucky Board of Education Resolution Proclaiming Safe Schools Week

- 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 effective prevention-based responses to these critical issues; and
- Whereas,*** Safe and respectful learning environments in schools and school districts throughout the country, along with innovative national programs, are among those effective responses; and
- Whereas,*** The observance of Safe Schools Week encourages students, parents, educators, and the community to "Join the Team" and S.T.O.P. the Bullying, Violence and Risky Behavior in our schools to promote safe and secure learning climates.

NOW, THEREFORE, we proclaim October 20-26, 2013 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.

Done this 8th day of October, in the year Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Roger L. Marcum, Chair
Kentucky Board of Education

Terry Holliday, Commissioner
Kentucky Department of Education