



November 17, 2021

Dear Superintendent Saylor and the Estill County School Board,

The enclosed certificate is to acknowledge your school district's outstanding participation in the Kentucky Safe Schools Week 2021 Campaign. Estill County School District had over 1,000 participants take the online "Be a Safety Star" Pledge. Statewide, over 64,000 students, educators, parents and community members have taken the pledge. THANK YOU for sharing this message with your teachers, staff and students. We are overwhelmed with support from the entire education community.

KCSS stands on the belief that everybody should enjoy school equally and be treated with respect. Community members, educators, students and parents are encouraged to promote safety throughout the year.

This year's theme has been "**Be a Safety Star.**" Kindness, respectfulness and support of others are all characteristics of a **SAFETY STAR**. During COVID 19 and beyond new safety guidelines including masking, washing and distancing are the protocol to keep schools safe. Safety drills such as lockdown and evacuation need to be conducted with rigor and purpose to maintain a safe environment. The students who follow the rules, support others in need, show kindness and respect to all are truly, bright shining... **SAFETY STARS!**

Thank you for your outstanding participation in this year's...

Safety Star Pledge

I pledge to:

Share, care and spread kindness everywhere I go.
Treat everyone with the respect, we all deserve!
Abide by all school safety rules.
Rise up and shine, helping others who need support.

The Kentucky Safe Schools Week campaign has been a success because of your participation and support. This week was dedicated to enhance awareness of school safety education and initiatives. These programs (online at www.kysafeschools.org) and many others are ongoing and reflect the dedication your district has toward safety every day. Remember, Kentucky Center for School Safety is ready to assist as needs arise. Feel free to contact us, toll free at 877-805-4277.

Sincerely,

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