

WHEREAS; what’s best for kids is what’s best for the state, which means ensuring that every kid in Wisconsin has access to a high-quality education in a safe, supportive school environment; and

WHEREAS; no student, educator, staff member, or administrator should ever feel unsafe or be afraid to go to school or work; and

WHEREAS; whether bullying, harassment, discrimination, or gun violence, it is the responsibility of all Wisconsinites to work together on school violence prevention to ensure classrooms, hallways, and schools are safe and conducive for learning and teaching; and

WHEREAS; administered by the Office of School Safety through the Wisconsin Department of Justice, the “Speak Up, Speak Out” School Safety Resource Center is a 24/7 tool that provides students, school staff, parents, and community members with a threat reporting system, threat assessment consultation, critical incident response, and general school safety guidance, and serves as a resource for students to report concerns about harming themselves or others; and

WHEREAS; promoting and upholding school safety is one of the highest priorities of the state, and this week, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to providing all schools and school districts with positive and safe climates for learning, teaching, and working, to enacting commonsense gun safety reforms that are supported by a majority of Wisconsinites, and to investing in community-based solutions to interrupt the cycle of violence, support survivors and victims, and build safer communities for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim 2023 as

**SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 10th day of October 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State