WHEREAS; what's best for kids is what's best for the state, and ensuring that every kid in Wisconsin has access to a high-quality education in a safe, supportive school environment is critical; 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 to prevent school violence and ensure playgrounds, classrooms, hallways, and schools are safe and conducive to learning and teaching; and

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

WHEREAS; further, the Wisconsin Office of Violence Prevention also works to address the cycle of violence, prevent crime, and keep Wisconsin kids, families, schools, and communities safe; 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 supporting all schools and school districts in creating a positive and safe climate for learning, teaching, and working, enacting commonsense gun-safety reforms that are supported by a majority of Wisconsinites, and 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 October 19 through 23 2026 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 19th day of October 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State