STATE of WISCONSIN



Proclamation

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

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

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

WHEREAS; the Office of School Safety, through the Wisconsin Department of Justice, has worked to engage students and statewide school safety stakeholders in the development and implementation of school safety initiatives; and

WHEREAS; the Office of School Safety recently announced a "Speak Up, Speak Out" School Safety Resource Center—the only in the country—a 24/7 tool that provides a threat reporting system, threat assessment consultation, critical incident response, and general school safety guidance, as well as serving as a resource for students to report concerns about harming themselves or others; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes every week is "Safe Schools Week" for classrooms and schools across our state, and we reaffirm our commitment to providing our schools and school districts with positive and safe climates for learning, teaching, and working;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 18 – 24, 2020, as

SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK

ughout 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 22nd day of October 2020.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State