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**(name of district) ENDORSES KENTUCKY SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK**

(Name/title) today officially proclaimed October 20–26, 2024, as (district/town) Safe Schools Week.

Kentucky Safe Schools Week is set for **October 20–26, 2024**. Level Up: This week aims to ***“Level Up”*** school safety. Schools can promote and enhance school safety through targeted activities and discussions. The goal is to raise awareness about various aspects of school safety and empower students, teachers, parents, and the community to take proactive measures to create a safe learning environment.

Join us and participate in this year’s campaign “**Level Up”** in your school, home and community. Take the online “Level Up” pledge.

***I pledge to “Level Up” by:***

Starting with safety

Being a cyber guardian

Being prepared

Teaming up with kindness

[www.kysafeschools.org/safe-schools-week/safety-week-pledge](http://www.kysafeschools.org/safe-schools-week/safety-week-pledge)

During Safe Schools Week the KCSS website supplies a variety of teaching aids along with the online pledge and Kentucky Safe Schools Week Tool Kit loaded with resources, lessons and ideas.  Resources will also be available for school administrators and others at [www.kysafeschools.org/safe-schools-week](http://www.kysafeschools.org/safe-schools-week)

The Kentucky ***“Level Up”*** campaign is sponsored by the **Kentucky Center for School Safety**. This observance coincides with the national campaign. America’s Safe Schools Week is sponsored by the National School Safety Center.  “I encourage all Kentuckians to get involved and encourage one another when it comes to school safety. School Safety is our first priority and shining a light on all areas of need, compliance and initiative improves our culture and environment. **“Level Up”** entails great character and engaging in school safety practices with dedication. Join our Level Up Campaign and show Kentucky’s brilliance across the commonwealth.” said Jon Akers, Executive Director, KCSS.

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