

Arkansas State Board of Education
Resolution

- WHEREAS, More than 473,000 students attend public schools in Arkansas; and
- WHEREAS, A safe and secure environment enhances student learning; and
- WHEREAS, Approximately 70,000 administrators, faculty, and staff at Arkansas' public schools are committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for all students; and
- WHEREAS, There are more than 460 school resource officers who assist in ensuring students remain safe at public schools; and
- WHEREAS, The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, Arkansas Center for School Safety, and Arkansas Safe Schools Association have partnered together to provide school safety resources and promote a safe educational environment; and
- WHEREAS, The Safe Schools Committee is charged with developing model policies and procedures that may ensure a safe and productive learning environment for students and school employees, for recommending to the State Board of Education any necessary rules and regulations for ensuring a safe school environment, and for recommending to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education any necessary legislation for ensuring a safe school environment; and
- WHEREAS, Local and state law enforcement agencies and organizations provide support to school districts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

We, the members of the Arkansas State Board of Education, recognize the week of October 16 through 22, 2022, as Arkansas Safe Schools Week.

Ouida Newton, Chair

Date

Johnny Key, Ex Officio Secretary

Date