

***Arkansas State Board of Education***  
***Resolution***

- WHEREAS, More than 479,000 students attend public schools in Arkansas; and
- WHEREAS, A safe and secure environment enhances student learning; and
- WHEREAS, Approximately 69,603 administrators, faculty, and staff at Arkansas' public schools are committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for all students; and
- WHEREAS, More than 405 school resource officers 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 of 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 17 through 23, 2020, as Arkansas Safe Schools Week.

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Charisse Dean, Chair

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Johnny Key, Ex Officio Secretary

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