

Step up and encourage every Kentucky school to participate ...

KENTUCKY SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK

October 17-23, 2010

This year's theme "R-E-S-P-E-C-T" will span topics from bullying, cyber-bullying, sexting, internet abuse to suicide. KCSS will provide vital resources for teachers, administrators and students at www.kysafeschools.org Interactive online pledges are available on Bullying, Cyber-bullying and a new "R-E-S-P-E-C-T" pledge. This pledge encompasses the idea that respect of one's self and others will help to eliminate problems surrounding a variety of school safety issues. Lesson plans, interactive links, videos, coloring pages and more will be available to download for classroom use and awareness. Please join us as we come together and make Kentucky schools a safer place to learn.

"A school where children don't feel safe is a school where children struggle to learn. It is a school where kids drop out, tune out and get depressed. Not just violence but bullying, verbal harassment, substance abuse, cyber-bullying, and disruptive classrooms all interfere with a student's ability to learn... The fact is that no school can be a great school until it is a safe school first. A positive school climate is foundational to start academic achievement."

~ Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education,
at the first federal school bullying summit
in August 2010



To keep Kentucky schools safe places in which to learn and work, I pledge to:

- R** Realize that violent actions have real consequences and do not solve any problems.
- E** Encourage others and myself to be responsible for the internet sites I search as well as social network communications.
- S** Stand up for anyone who is being bullied and never bully anyone myself.
- P** Prevent bullying by reporting any suspicious behavior.
- E** Explore my options by talking with a trusted adult when I feel sad or alone.
- C** Control my texting and cell phone use, by not sending/sharing anything that is inappropriate.
- T** Take a stand and be respectful to adults, students and myself.

- Bullying
- Cyber-bullying
- Sexting
- Suicide
- Internet Abuse

"Mark Your Calendar" for the 16th Annual Safe and Healthy Schools and Students Conference, November 15-16, at the Galt House, Louisville, Ky.

