



## NEWS RELEASE

# Students Pledge Safe Schools

*Safe Schools Week Kicks-off at Capitol*

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**LANSING.** Today students from across the state affirmed their dedication to school safety and violence prevention by reciting a school safety pledge.

At the State Capitol, local students joined representatives from the Michigan Safe Schools Initiative to officially kick-off Michigan's Safe Schools Week, which runs November 5-11, 2006. Safe Schools Week calls attention to the fact that every student deserves a safe learning environment and each student plays an important role in school safety and violence prevention. Across the state over 100,000 pledges will be made during the week.

"Through programs such as the Teaching, Educating, and Mentoring (T.E.A.M.) School Liaison Program and the Michigan Safe Schools Initiative, the Michigan State Police works closely with students, parents and educators to build a strong and safe school community," said Col. Peter C. Munoz, Director of the Michigan State Police.

"We must be diligent in safeguarding our children and educators with a strong commitment to violence prevention and safety planning. To protect the future of our education system – guaranteeing the free pursuit of knowledge – is to prepare today and every day," said State Representative William VanRegenmorter. "During this special recognition of school safety week and in times to come, let us thank those who are responsible for the care, safety and education of our young people by recognizing their dedication, endeavors and achievements."

"An ounce of prevention is truly worth not just a pound, but a ton of cure. We have been able to reach thousands of young people across our state with a message of hope," said Donald Allen, Director of the Office of Drug Control Policy. "A message that says we care for them and want the very best for their lives. We have backed up our words by funding effective violence and drug prevention programs. We plan to continue to support our young people as we continue to make Michigan a state with the most healthy and safe communities in the nation."

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“Two factors have the most influence on the classroom environment – safety and teacher quality – and you cannot have one without the other,” said Michael Flanagan, Michigan Superintendent of Public Instruction, Michigan Department of Education. “It makes it difficult for students to learn if they do not feel safe in their classroom. The strategies highlighted by the Michigan Safe Schools Initiative are best practices all schools should adopt in their efforts to keep our children safe from bullying and harassment and our schools free of violence.”

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### 2006 Michigan Safe School Pledges

City	Organization Name	Number of Pledges
Addison	Wayne Gray Elementary	600
Adrian	Adrian Middle Schools	525
Adrian	Maurice Spear	37
Adrian	Michener Elementary School	173
Alpena	All Saints Catholic School	56
Baraga	Philip LaTendresse Elementary School	275
Battle Creek	Beadke Lake Elementary	275
Battle Creek	LaMora Park Elementary	300
Bay City	Bay-Arenac Career Center	1,100
Bay City	Holy Trinity Catholic School	200
Bay City	St. John Lutheran	67
Berkley	Rogers Elementary School	397
Beverly Hills	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs	375
Birmingham	Birmingham Covington School	708
Birmingham	Pierce School	600
Bloomfield Hills	Lone Pine School	325
Bloomfield Hills	West Maple Elementary	700
Bridgeport	Bridgeport High School	250
Bridgeport	Bridgeport-Spaulling Elementary School	1,300
Britton	Britton-Macon Area School	600
Buchanan	Ottawa Elementary School	348
Burr Oak	Burr Oak Schools	300
Carleton	St. Patrick School	148
Charlotte	Galewood Elementary	276
Chesaning	Albee Elementary	170
Chippewa Valley	Seneca Middle School	1,250
Clinton	Clinton Community Schools	1,174
Clio	Clio Area Schools	3,500
Commerce Township	County Oaks Elementary	798
Comstock	Comstock North Elementary School	500
Davison	Davidson Middle School	850
Dearborn	Academy for Business and Technology	330
Dearborn	Sacred Heart Catholic School	350
Dearborn Heights	St. Sebastian School	7

City	Organization Name	Number of Pledges
Dearborn Heights	Westwood Community School District	2,200
Detroit	Bradley Elementary School	450
Detroit	Center for Literacy and Creativity	300
Detroit	Detroit Enterprise Academy	598
Detroit	East Detroit High School	1,000
Detroit	Pierre Toussaint Academy	350
Dundee	Dundee Community Schools	1,600
Durand	Durand Middle School	443
Eaton Rapids	Union Street	265
Edwardsburg	Edwards Elementary and Secondary Schools	2,579
Erie	Mason Central Elementary and Mason Middle School	900
Escanaba	Franklin Elementary	215
Farmington Hills	East Middle School	888
Fenton	St. John the Evangelist School	510
Ferndale	Edison Max	105
Flint	Randels Elementary	620
Flint	Woodland Elementary	350
Flushing	Flushing High School	1480
Fowler	Walden Elementary/Middle School	402
Fowlerville	Fowlerville School District	470
Freeland	Freeland Community Schools	390
Garden City	St. Raphael Catholic Schools	280
Gaylord	South Maple Elementary	478
Gibraltar	Gibraltar School District	3,800
Grand Blanc	Anderson Elementary	460
Grand Blanc	Grand Blanc High School	2300
Grand Blanc	McGrath Elementary	424
Grand Blanc	Reid Elementary	550
Grand Haven	Grand Haven Area Public Schools	5,000
Grand Ledge	Greenwood Elementary	294
Grand Ledge	Willow Ridge Elementary	500
Grand Rapids	Kelloggsville High School	550
Grandville	East Elementary	350
Grandville	Grand View Elementary	670
Grosse Ile	Grosse Isle Middle School	500
Hamtramck	Dickinson East	572
Harper Woods	Beacon Elementary	350
Harper Woods	Chandler Park Elementary	325
Harrison Township	Emma V. Lobbestael Elementary	400
Hazel Park	Edison MAX Program	110
Hazel Park	Longfellow Elementary	295
Hemlock	Hemlock High School	400
Hesperia	Patricia St. Clair Elementary	397
Holland	Corpus Christi Catholic School	430

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Holt	Wilcox Elementary	350
Hudson	Lincoln Elementary, Hudson Middle and High School	1,050
Ida	Ida Middle School	570
Imlay City	Imlay City Middle School	540
Imlay City	Weston Elementary Schools	712
Inkster	Blanchette Middle School	415
Inkster	Tomlinson Elementary	275
Ionia	Ionia Middle School	700
Ionia	Rather Elementary School	300
Jenison	Jenison Christian School	400
Kalamazoo	Alamo Elementary	265
Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo Advantage Academy	300
Kalamazoo	West Elementary	355
Kalera	Kalera Elementary School	190
Kentwood	Discovery Elementary	420
Kinde	North Huron Elementary	238
Lakeport	St. Edwards Catholic School	90
Lansing	Forest Elementary	348
Lansing	Gunnison Elementary School	200
Lansing	Wexford Montessori Magnet School	300
Lansing	Willow Elementary	1
Lansing	Winans Elementary	325
Lawton	Landon High School	367
LeRoy	Pine River High School	150
Lincoln Park	Earl F. Carr Elementary	340
Lincoln Park	Hamilton Alternative Education	97
Lincoln Park	Hoover Elementary	320
Lincoln Park	James A. Foote Elementary School	350
Lincoln Park	James Foote Elementary	350
Lincoln Park	Keppen Public Schools	300
Lincoln Park	Lafayette Elementary	560
Lincoln Park	LeBlanc School	133
Lincoln Park	Lincoln Park Public Schools	901
Lincoln Park	Max Paun Elementary	353
Lincoln Park	Mixter Elementary	216
Linwood	St. Anne School	81
Livonia	American Montessori Academy	234
Livonia	Emerson Middle School	900
Livonia	Middle School	484
Livonia	St. Genevieve	247
Macomb	Ojibwa Elementary School	500
Manchester	Manchester Middle School	400
Marquette	Graveraet Intermediate School	480
Marquette	Vandenboom Elementary	130

City	Organization Name	Number of Pledges
Michigan Center	Arnold Elementary	360
Midland	Longview Elementary	200
Midland	Parkdale Elementary	300
Midland	Siebert Elementary	500
Midland	St. John's Lutheran School	150
Milan	Milan Middle School	560
Milford	Baker Elementary	225
Millington	St. Paul Lutheran	212
Monroe	Custer Elementary School	975
Mount Clemens	King Academy	200
Mount Clemens	Mount Clemens High School	675
Mount Clemens	Seminole Academy	550
Mount Clemens	Washington Academy of Science and Art	425
Mount Pleasant	Mayes Elementary School	340
Mt. Clemens	King Academy	200
Mt. Clemens	Seminole Academy	540
Muir	Twin Rivers Elementary	220
New Buffalo	New Buffalo Elementary	300
Novi	Novi Community Schools	380
Okemos/Haslett	Meridian Township Police Department	1
Onsted	Onsted Elementary School	995
Owosso	Owosso Public School	500
Petoskey	Petoskey Middle School	678
Plainwell	Starr Elementary School	600
Port Hope	St. John Lutheran	60
Port Huron	Juvenile Detention Center	80
Port Huron	McCormick Catholic Academy	43
Redford	Redford Union High School	1,300
Remus	Remus Elementary School	300
Republic	Republic-Michigamme School	86
Richmond	Will L. Lee Elementary	750
Rochester Hills	University Hills	450
Rockwood	Chapman Elementary	500
Romulus	Romulus Elementary	398
Romulus	Romulus Elementary	400
Roscommon	Roscommon High School	600
Saginaw	Bethlehem Lutheran	1
Saginaw	Carrollton Elementary	600
Saginaw	Mackinaw Academy	200
Saginaw	St. Stephen Catholic School	700
Sandusky	Maple Valley Elementary	567
Sandusky	Sandusky Middle Schools	462
Scottville	Scottville Public Schools	5,000
Shelby Township	Beacon Tree Elementary	500

City	Organization Name	Number of Pledges
South Haven	Lincoln Elementary	325
Southgate	Davidson Middle School	875
Stanwood	Stanwood Elementary Schools	275
Sterling Heights	DeKeyser Elementary	399
Sterling Heights	Hatherly Elementary	500
Stevensville	Christ Lutheran School	180
Stevensville	Stewart Elementary	450
Traverse City	Cherry Knoll Elementary	407
Troy	Wattles Elementary	472
Vicksburg	Vicksburg Middle School	630
Warren	Carlson Elementary	320
Warren	Harding Elementary	266
Warren	Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Schools	240
Warren	Lincoln Elementary School	400
Warren	Lincoln Middle School	675
Warren	McKinley Elementary	320
Washington	Indian Hills Elementary	470
Washington	Washington Elementary	430
Wayne	Taft-Galloway Elementary	370
Webberville	Webberville Schools	340
West Bloomfield	West Hills Middle School	389
Westland	Adams Middle School	680
Westland	Edison Elementary/Schweitzer Elementary School	850
Westland	Jefferson-Barns	220
Westland	St. Damian School	200
White Lake	Oxbow Community Schools	420
Wixom	Loon Lake Elementary	560
Ypsilanti	Genesis Christian Academy	40
Ypsilanti	Ypsilanti Public Schools District	2,400
<b>Grand Total Number of School Safety Pledges</b>		<b>108,737</b>

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