

Colorado




School Safety Resource Center

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E-UPDATE FROM CSSRC ~ You are receiving this email as a subscriber of the Center's listserv. E-Updates from CSSRC will contain the most current information about the Center's activities and resources, as well as the school safety efforts throughout the state of Colorado.

Please forward this email to others on your email list with an interest in supporting safe and positive schools in Colorado. They may register for this listserv on our website <http://safeschools.state.co.us/index.html>

 This message is a reminder that next week, **October, 17-23, 2010** has been proclaimed **Safe Schools Week in Colorado**. The proclamation was signed by Governor Bill Ritter, Jr. earlier this school year. ***We thank all of you for your efforts to support safe, positive and successful schools in Colorado!***

We encourage you to use the week to highlight your efforts related to school safety. The news from around the country the past few weeks reminds us that safe schools must be free of bullying and harassment, free of crime and violence, free of weapons and drugs, have support services for students who need them, and are prepared for emergencies. We ask each of you to collaborate with others in your community to help ensure that we offer safe and positive schools to every single student. This includes the sidewalks and streets leading to our schools, our buses, our grounds, our buildings and on the internet. This is important work for the well-being of our youth!

The Colorado Department of Public Safety; Attorney General John Suthers; the Colorado Department of Education; and the University of Colorado at Boulder's Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence jointly are observing October 17-23, 2010, as Colorado Safe Schools Week. Attached you will see a joint press release from these agencies.

We at the School Safety Resource Center are here to assist in providing a variety of training, consultation, and resources to schools and communities related to school safety (www.safeschools.state.co.us).

Next week's Colorado Safe School Regional Training in Pueblo is the seventh large training event on school safety offered by the Colorado School Safety Resource Center since its creation in 2008. At least 28 organizations are contributing resources to next week's training which includes information on a variety of school safety issues. We are proud that each of the large events has included collaborative school and community efforts in planning and presentation to Colorado. Our Center has provided 38 various trainings on school safety topics, trained over 3,000 people, created a resource website and listserv of over 2,800 people across our state who now receive regular school safety news and resources. Thank you to everyone who has offered their expertise and support!

We would be interested in hearing from you about your efforts during Safe Schools Week. Please let us know how you promoted the week and highlighted the positive steps in your community. schoolsafetycenter@cdps.state.co.us

For more information about Colorado Safe Schools Week www.safeschools.state.co.us

 **TO ASSIST YOU AS YOU PLAN THIS YEAR...**

The Colorado School Safety Resource Center is available to any Pre-K through higher education schools to assist in your school safety planning. Our mission is to provide **free consultation, resources, training and technical assistance** that can help you create a safe, positive, and successful school. We can customize a variety of trainings for your school safety and crisis planning teams or your school staff as you continue to plan this school year. We invite you to continue monitoring our website (www.safeschools.state.co.us) for the latest school safety information and upcoming trainings. Call us at: 303-239-4435.

