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AUSTIN - The Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC) today renewed their annual partnership for the 2017 Texas Safe Schools Week, Oct. 15 - 21. TEA and TxSSC share a mutual goal of assuring all public schools are places where students, parents, teachers and administrators feel secure during each school day.

"Safe Schools Week reminds us all to reflect on the plans and policies in place and update them as needed so that our campuses are prepared and safe in every potential situation," said Commissioner of Education Mike Morath. "We must provide every student in Texas an effective and safe learning environment."

“Every day schools face hazards that have the potential to impede the learning process,” said Martinez-Prather. “However, with proper planning, and regular training and drilling in emergency procedures, schools can effectively respond in a way that increases positive outcomes.”

Commissioner Morath and Director Martinez-Prather urged all Texas school districts to practice emergency drills, review emergency plans and highlight the importance of safe and secure schools – not only during this week but throughout the year.

Gov. Greg Abbott has also declared Oct. 15 - 21, 2017, as Safe Schools Week in Texas. In his gubernatorial proclamation, Gov. Abbott noted the importance for schools and communities to work together to assure children are secure from harm and able to thrive in their academic environment.

“As our next generation of leaders, young Texans are our most precious resource and brightest rays of hope for the future,” said Gov. Abbott in his Safe Schools Week proclamation. “It should be our top priority as parents, teachers, community leaders and concerned citizens to guarantee their safety and well-being, especially while they are attending school.”

Texas Safe Schools Week is held annually in conjunction with the national America's Safe Schools Week. For more information, visit the Texas Education Agency website at www.tea.texas.gov or the Texas School Safety Center website at http://txssc.txstate.edu.
To read the Governor's Safe School Week proclamation or to learn more about Texas Safe Schools Week topics, visit the Texas Education Agency website at www.tea.texas.gov or the Texas School Safety Center website at http://txssc.txstate.edu/.

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