

Rep. Lauwers offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 246.

A resolution to declare October 20-26, 2013, as Safe Schools Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Education is paramount to the future of this state and nation; and

Whereas, Excellence in education and academic achievement is dependent on safe, secure, and respectful learning environments; and

Whereas, The safety and well-being of all students, teachers, and school staff can be jeopardized by crime and violence, bullying, aggression, substance abuse, suicide concerns, gang activity, vandalism, and absenteeism in our schools; and

Whereas, It is important to educate students on the importance of early intervention and prevention regarding threats to students, teachers, and schools by communicating with parents and authorities; and

Whereas, We encourage elementary, middle, and high schools to educate their students on gun safety, anti-bullying, and substance abuse; and

Whereas, It is important for all community leaders in the public, private, law enforcement, fire safety, emergency management, business, non-profit, and education sectors to help ensure that our schools remain safe, positive environments conducive to learning; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare October 20-26, 2013, as Safe Schools Week in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Attorney General, County Sheriffs, and School Superintendents.