







# Steve Lawson's promise to the citizens of Bradley County

What follows is my proactive plan to increase school safety.

This a promise I make to the teachers, parents and students of Bradley County.

On day one of my administration, I will initiate the following plan to secure our schools:

-  I will push for legislation that will create School Threat Multi-Disciplinary Review Teams in every school system. These teams will consist of representatives from school guidance, Children and Family Services, mental health, juvenile court, probation and parole, law enforcement, and any other discipline deemed relevant in individual cases under review. They will closely monitor students and others deemed a threat and their status reviewed on a regular basis until no longer deemed a threat.
  
-  Establish a 24-hour hotline to report school threats in each district. Each call will be thoroughly investigated by a specially trained officer to report his/her findings to the multi-disciplinary team for review. That team will access the threat and take appropriate action.
  
-  Provide special training to officers to investigate and monitor the social media postings of any person under review, and the nature of these postings will become part of the review process.
  
-  As in child abuse cases, push for legislation to require professionals to report incidents of threatening behavior, including verbal threats and social media messages and posts. We will protect those making the reports in good faith from liability claims.
  
-  Provide special training from Tennessee Office of Homeland Security and other legitimate sources regarding school violence, social media usage, and threat profiles for school officials, teachers, SRO, patrol officers, criminal investigators, juvenile court officers, probation and parole and members of the multi-disciplinary team in the state.
  
-  Partner with the Educational Safety Director to provide annual security and threat assessments. I will ask our local legislators to push for more state funded safety and security equipment for the local schools to take the burden of the cost from the local taxpayers as much as possible.

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As your sheriff, I will take time visit our schools, and I look forward to attending special events such as D.A.R.E. graduations. I will show my support for our schools by walking the halls and sharing time with teachers and students. Safety in our schools will be among my highest priorities.

In closing, my promise to you the citizens of Bradley County is very simple. My promise is to never give up. As your sheriff, I promise to never give up on doing everything possible to make certain the buildings that hold our future are properly protected. As you have read I have a plan and that plan is a proactive plan to be prepared for the worst and not simply react to it.

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Steve Lawson

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