

Kay Karr Joins *Safe to Learn* Advisory Council

Kay Karr, President of Responsive Learning, has joined the *Safe to Learn* Advisory Council, “As a public school superintendent for many years, I have long recognized that children are our nation’s most valuable resource and our greatest responsibility. And yet, in the United States, we are far from being able to say, “[All our children are well.](#)” After being personally involved in multiple emergencies and hazards, both natural and manmade, I have grown to realize that in this great nation many of our children are often not safe.

“As educators, we have long accepted the mission of educating our nation’s children. However, many of us and those who make up the very diverse population that constitutes the United States of America, have failed to recognize that the first priority we have is to keep our children safe and provide a safe environment that is supportive and nurturing so that they can learn.”

When Kay Karr was asked to be a part of the project’s Advisory Council, she quickly said yes.

“No matter how good our academic programs are; we must first ensure the safety of our children. Without a safe environment, children cannot learn and grow to their potential. Keeping our children safe is our utmost responsibility, not just because we’re educators, but also because we, as citizens of this great nation, have a moral obligation to do so. The project, *Safe to Learn*, is not just another crisis management or emergency preparation program. *Safe to Learn* merges these programs with teaching and learning. It demonstrates how we can build and maintain a safe environment in which children can grow and learn.

“Educators today are often overwhelmed with the growing number of mandates that must be incorporated into the school day. Each year the burden of more and more mandates grows. *Safe to Learn* is built around the basic premise that in order for children to learn, they must be kept safe. Far too often, however, schools lack the time and resources to deliver on this basic premise.”

Kay Karr was also the Executive Producer of “[Why Plan](#)”, an award-winning 25-minute video of how Texas schools responded to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. It explores the challenges that Texas school districts faced during and after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Responsive Learning, along with an extremely talented team of professionals, set forth on a mission to create a documentary to capture the story of how school districts were affected by the impact of the hurricanes, how they dealt with them, and the lessons they learned in the process.



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Safe to Learn also features authors dedicated to school safety and the protection of our children. Their willingness to share personal lessons learned and have open discussions around difficult decisions allows us to learn from their lessons. *Safe to Learn* also features authors that inspire learning and literacy by sharing their skills with colorful stories of history, travel adventures, discovering the flavors of healthy cooking, as well as tales that may make you laugh or even cry.



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