PARENTS' GUIDE TO ACING BACK TO SCHOOL 2022

Tennessee is in back-to-school mode! With students getting ready to open their textbooks, there's no better time than now for parents to study up on basic schooltime safety.

DEFEND AGAINST DANGEROUS DRUGS

Sheriffs in Tennessee warn that because of the crisis at the southern border, <u>80% of the drugs they confiscate contain deadly fentanyl</u>. Even worse, dealers intentionally target children on apps like Snapchat and often conceal drugs in <u>dollar bills</u> or in candy like <u>gummy bears</u>.

- Warn your kids against eating food from unsealed containers or trading snacks with strangers.
- Remind your children to only add close friends on apps like Snapchat. Check their apps regularly to make sure no adult strangers have tricked their way into your child's life.
- Make sure your children understand that all drugs are dangerous drugs.

WATCH OUT FOR WOKE POLICIES

Right now, <u>teachers' unions</u> are pressuring educators to target students to join transgender after-school clubs and let sports teams crumble under the pressure of gender politics. These radicals are trying to sneak their woke policies past parents – but Tennessee moms and dads aren't giving them a hall pass this year!

- Learn more about the after-school activities your kids are involved in. Ask questions about what they're learning and who they're spending time with.
- Ask coaches and school administrators about what they're doing to protect sports for biological girls.
- Attend parent meetings and find more ways to get involved in your child's extracurricular activities.

KEEP KIDS SAFE ONLINE

Predators are eager to use platforms like TikTok, Instagram, and Snapchat to take advantage of kids. As children start logging on to do homework, it's important to kickstart the conversation on tech safety.

- Access your child's accounts and switch on the strictest privacy settings available.
- Warn your kids about fake accounts made by predators who pretend to be children.
- Make sure you know what apps and services your children are using, and regularly check to make sure their posts are safe and age-appropriate.

For more resources, read my Parents' Guide for Protecting Kids Online.

PREVENT POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED CURRICULUM

Critical Race Theory (CRT)-influenced curriculum teaches students that America is an inherently racist country and divides them based on skin color. Teachers' unions have relentlessly put pressure on schools, local leadership, and even the White House to replace reading, writing, and 'rithmetic with radical political indoctrination.

- Attend parent-teacher conferences and talk with educators about school curriculum.
- Contact your local school boards, show up to meetings, and make your voice heard.
- Learn about how to identify CRT-influenced curriculum across all subjects.

For more info, read my action plan on Critical Race Theory.

