

# FOSTERING POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE USING SOCIAL MEDIA AND ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORMS

## TENNESSEE BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS PROJECT

Fostering a positive school climate is essential to making students feel safe, supported, and engaged in their learning.

However, we are now needing to find ways to extend this climate into our student's homes. Here are a few ways to foster a positive school climate through social media (Twitter or Facebook) or online learning platforms (such as Zoom or Skype).

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- Administrators can start the day with live or recorded morning announcements
- Teachers can get their class together virtually to hold a morning meeting
- Create school-wide challenges (i.e. reading every day, playing outside for 20 minutes, learning a new skill)
- Create a scavenger hunt for students to find things around their home or in their neighborhood
- Pose a question of the day for students to respond to via comment or video
- Ask students to submit photos with their families (if allowed) of activities they are engaging in
- Celebrate Spirit Week with themed days for students to dress up and submit photos
- Create a school-wide Bingo board that includes academic and physical activities such as going for a walk or taking a virtual field trip
- Celebrate birthdays with special shout outs

