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### SCHOOL SAFETY TASK FORCE MEETINGS — NOVEMBER 14, 2024 AND NOVEMBER 18, 2024

**Meeting.** The School Safety Task Force established in 2024 Iowa Acts, [House File 2652](#) (School Safety Plans and Improvements Act), met for a meeting on November 14, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Safety (DPS) headquarters in Des Moines. The Task Force held an additional meeting on November 18, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the Grimes State Office Building in Des Moines. The agenda for the meetings are available at the Department's [website](#).

**School Safety Task Force Statements for Consideration.** The Task Force members discussed several of the statements for consideration made on the following topics:

- Door locking mechanisms.
- Barricades in comparison to locks.
- Secure vestibule systems.
- Review of prior points of discussion on the requirements for all buildings.
- Building requirements for new construction or buildings with planned structural renovations. New attendance centers will incorporate all measures, and planned structural renovations will achieve secured access with appropriate security measures.
- Secured access to facilities by students and staff of doors designated for ingress.
- Video surveillance considerations of facilities and property as defined locally.

There was additional discussion on the format of the final report, including adding a section to the report that addresses other considerations and adding prevention ideas that follow the Task Force recommendations. The arrangement and a draft of the report are planned to be completed by the next meeting with the intent to have Task Force approval by December 19, 2024. The final report is due to the General Assembly by December 31, 2024.

**Next Meeting.** The Task Force's next meeting is December 9, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the Grimes State Office Building in Des Moines.

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