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### SCHOOL SAFETY TASK FORCE MEETINGS — DECEMBER 9, 2024, AND DECEMBER 12, 2024

**Meeting.** The School Safety Task Force established in 2024 Iowa Acts, [House File 2652](#) (School Safety Plans and Improvements Act), held a meeting on December 9, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the Grimes State Office Building in Des Moines. The Task Force held an additional meeting on December 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Safety (DPS) headquarters in Des Moines.

**School Safety Task Force Consideration of Recommendations.** The Task Force discussed and voted on recommendations to be included in the final report that is due to the General Assembly on December 31, 2024. The recommendations approved include the following areas:

- Use of the Safe+Sound app.
- Use of an access control plan.
- Use of a visitor entry plan.
- Department of Education review of emergency operations plans.
- Door hardware.
- Door numbering.
- Communication protocols.
- Shatter resistance and intrusion resistant film or capabilities.
- Door locking mechanisms.
- Requirements for planned structural renovations and new construction projects.

**Next Meeting.** The final Task Force meeting to approve the report is scheduled for December 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the DPS headquarters in Des Moines. The agenda for the meeting is available on the DPS [website](#).

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