



## News Release

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# IASB Launches “Stop the Prop” Campaign to Support School Safety Statewide—Colfax-Mingo and Southeast Warren Among First Districts to Join Effort

**Des Moines, Iowa**—The **Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB)** has launched a new school safety campaign—**Stop the Prop**—to support school districts in encouraging one simple, powerful action: **keep school doors shut and secure**.

The campaign is designed to raise awareness among students, staff, and visitors about the risks of propping open exterior doors. Unsecured doors can undermine building safety and leave schools vulnerable. IASB’s Stop the Prop campaign provides a clear message, eye-catching stickers, and turnkey materials to help districts foster a culture of shared responsibility and vigilance.

“Creating safe learning environments is a priority for every Iowa school district,” said IASB Executive Director D.T. Magee. “The Stop the Prop campaign offers an easy way for districts to reinforce good safety habits and increase awareness throughout their buildings.”

The campaign aligns with key recommendations from the **Iowa School Safety Task Force**, promoting everyday actions that strengthen building security.

IASB is proud to partner with **Colfax-Mingo Community School District** and **Southeast Warren Community School District** as the first participants in this statewide effort.

“This campaign reinforces what we’ve been teaching all along—every member of our school community plays a role in creating a secure environment,” said Delane Galvin, Superintendent of Southeast Warren CSD. “Stop the Prop is a simple, visible way to remind everyone that safety starts with awareness and action.”

“Safety is everyone’s responsibility,” added Tim Salmon, Superintendent of Colfax-Mingo CSD. “Stop the Prop empowers our school community to take small steps that make a big difference.”

Districts across Iowa are encouraged to join the campaign and demonstrate their commitment to student and staff safety. IASB provides all participating districts with campaign materials and a communications toolkit.

For more information about the Stop the Prop campaign or how your district can participate, visit <https://www.ia-sb.org/stop-the-prop>.

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