

Dear School Administrator,

In February 2018, Governor Kim Reynolds announced Iowa's *See Something, Say Something* campaign. This campaign is a collaborative effort of state and local homeland security, law enforcement, and private-sector partners, in cooperation with U.S. Department Homeland Security. The purpose is to support and amplify the message for people to say something when they see something suspicious in their community or school. To read more about this campaign go to <https://www.saysomething.iowa.gov/>.

The Iowa School Safety Alliance (ISSA), has partnered with Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Iowa Department of Education, and the local Area Education Agencies to provide resources for schools. Keeping our schools safe is everyone's responsibility, and spreading that message is vital to keeping our schools safe.

The Iowa Department of Homeland Security has awarded a grant to the ISSA, Iowa Department of Education, and the local AEAs. With this grant, they are able to provide some materials to hang in your school, empowering staff and students to report suspicious behaviors in the school community. Please find in your kit some *See Something, Say Something* posters. These posters may be posted in a high traffic area, such as a message board, cafeteria, or library. You can request additional posters from your local AEA office.

In addition to the posters, all Iowa high schools are receiving a 3 ft. x 8 ft. banner with grommets. This banner may be hung in a high traffic area, such as cafeteria, lobby, or gymnasium. It should be visible by all students and staff. If you would like to order additional banners contact your local AEA office.

It is our sincere hope, through collaborative efforts such as the *See Something, Say Something* campaign, we can start to make significant, positive impacts to the safety of our schools. Just as we saw in Parkland, FL, our students have a voice, and they must be encouraged to use it. I hope you find the materials to be an effective tool to empower our students and staff when it comes to keeping their communities safe.

Sincerely,

Ryan Wise



Director, Iowa Department of Education



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Chair, Iowa School Safety Alliance

