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## **Statement on School Safety Package John H. Ashley, WASB Executive Director**

The Wisconsin Association of School Boards applauds the school safety legislative package announced today by Gov. Walker that represents a significant state investment of \$100 million to help keep our students safe. We appreciate the opportunity to work with the governor's office on the development of this proposal.

While we will conduct further review of all the details, creating an Office of School Safety at the Department of Justice should be a great resource for school districts. We also support the inclusion of preventative initiatives and intervention-related training in the comprehensive package, rather than just measures to improve school facilities.

It is our hope that this package, which includes similar provisions to State Superintendent Tony Evers and legislative Democrat school safety proposals, garners bipartisan support from the state Legislature.

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