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## **Statement from Sumner-Fredericksburg CSD Board President**

SUMNER, IOWA — Sumner-Fredericksburg Community School Board President Mike DeSloover has released the following statement today:

“The Sumner-Fredericksburg Community School District stands at a pivotal moment—one that calls for unity, vision, and a shared commitment to our students. The November 4 bond proposal is not about Sumner versus Fredericksburg. It is about coming together as one district, with one purpose: to provide safe, comfortable, and effective learning environments for all students in our communities.

We are also deeply committed to fiscal responsibility. The bond issue is designed to generate long-term financial savings by consolidating resources, improving energy efficiency, and reducing ongoing maintenance costs. At the same time, it will deliver significant upgrades to infrastructure and safety, ensuring that our students learn in buildings that are not only comfortable, but most importantly, secure.

We recognize that closing Durant Elementary and Fredericksburg Elementary as attendance centers is a difficult step. These decisions were not made lightly. But they are part of a broader strategy to use our facilities wisely and position the district for long-term sustainability.

Fredericksburg Elementary may still serve a valuable role in the future—potentially as a charter school location—while Durant Elementary will be removed from the district’s books in a fiscally responsible manner.

No plan will satisfy every individual, and we acknowledge that. However, this bond reflects a thoughtful, student-centered approach—one that prioritizes what is best for our children, both now and in the years to come. We ask for your support in moving forward together, united in purpose and committed to the future of the Sumner-Fredericksburg Community School District.

I want to extend a sincere thank you to all community members who have attended meetings, asked thoughtful questions, provided valuable feedback, and engaged throughout this process. Your involvement has been essential in shaping this proposal, and we are grateful for your continued commitment to our schools and our students.”

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