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2025 Des Moines City Council Candidate Survey

2. Safety Near Schools

City leaders are considering lowering school zone speed limits to 15–20 mph, adding flashing signs, and redesigning dangerous roads near schools. How should the City approach school zone speed limits and enforcement?

It should be automatic. People pay attention when driving slower.

When road redesigns near schools may reduce lanes or change traffic flow, how would you balance child safety with other transportation needs?

Child safety comes first, and dedicated bus stacking outside of vehicular traffic is also a must.

What additional steps would you take to help children walk and bike safely to school?

The flashing crosswalk signs are helpful, as they are highly visible from a distance. The electronic signs that post actual speed are also helpful. The island medians in the center of Ingersoll are confusing; island medians should only be used to denote pedestrian crossings and bus stops; they lose their effect otherwise.