

# GENERAL BROWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear General Brown Families,

As I shared just two weeks ago, our most important job is to ensure the safety of students and staff. The "*Blizzard Burglary Blitz*", as it has been dubbed in the media, has resulted in a comprehensive review of our after-hours and vacation day security measures. The following is shared to inform our community since there has been much circulating concerning this story.


It is essential to note our practice is for each building to undergo a thorough check each day. School day checks are done before student arrival. Vacation day building checks are conducted at scheduled times. To be more specific, our buildings should not go a single day without a staff presence. This might lead a concerned community member to ask, how could a person go unnoticed from 11:30 am on December 25th until he departed at 4:00 am on December 27th?

Keep in mind, there was a travel ban and impassable roads for half of these 40 hours. On Christmas Day, the scheduled building checks at the high school were unable to be carried out due to these circumstances. If we were able to conduct the checks as planned, there is no doubt the intruder would have been discovered the same day. On December 26th, the driving ban was lifted and a custodial team of two began the enormous job of snow removal. Since December 24th, our building and parking lots had been inaccessible, it took an all-day effort just to gain access to our high school building.

Concerns have been raised about our security monitoring equipment. Each of our schools is equipped with numerous cameras and an alarm system. We are reviewing this event with our district-wide safety team and security provider to improve our operation, efficiency, and notification settings. Although the blizzard quite literally resulted in the perfect storm of events for this intruder to gain entrance to our school, we will use this experience to improve our after-hours and vacation day security operations moving forward.

***I want to reiterate what the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office has already publicly expressed. This intruder had no intention of causing harm to anyone affiliated with the General Brown Central School District.*** His car happened to get stuck on 12E, and he entered by smashing a window in the rear of the building. Once he left our premises, in our plow truck, he had no intention of returning.

Respectfully,

  
Brian Moore  
Superintendent  
General Brown Central School

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