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To All Parents:

As I stated in a previous letter the safety of your child and all children in our school as well as the safety of the school staff is our highest priority. Unfortunately, this morning we had a continuation of a situation from Monday with an individual who is barred from school grounds trespassing. This morning the individual showed up on school grounds at approximately 7:40 and our School Resource Officer immediately spotted the individual and stopped him from proceeding. However, this required us to restrain the individual and wait for New York State troopers to arrive on scene.

Today's incident did result in me ordering both individuals dropping kids off and school buses to remain in a hold in place requiring students to stay in cars or buses until troopers were on scene and could safely restrain the individual. There was never a threat but I did not feel it was completely safe to have students around the situation and chose to go this conservative path until I felt the situation was under full control and absolutely no threat to students.

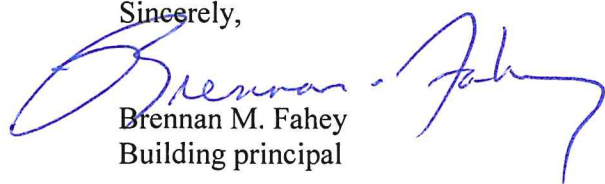
Our safety procedures I feel once again worked as designed and appreciate all the cooperation of parents, students and staff while this situation was handled. Thank you! I apologize if in any way I scared anyone but it was my opinion this was the best course of action at the moment.

We are continuing to work with the New York State Police and the Herkimer County District Attorney to ensure our students are safe. At this time, I am told we are doing all we can.

Please understand that we take safety precautions to ensure our school is a safe place to learn and work. I am happy to meet and talk with parents/guardians with any questions or concerns. You must feel safe sending your children to school and we take that very serious.

If you have any questions regarding today's events, please contact my office. The telephone number is 315-858-0729.

Sincerely,


Brennan M. Fahey
Building principal