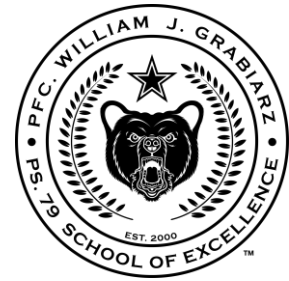




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May 12, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This afternoon, there was an incident in the building that caused Pfc. William J. Grabiarz School of Excellence, #79 to go into a shelter in place.

A student sprayed pepper spray in one of our classrooms. This behavior was not directed at any one person specifically, and the student did not understand the impact this would have on the classroom and school building.

As a precaution, the building was placed in a "Shelter in Place" emergency response at 12:00pm to ensure the safety of everyone in the building. Students and staff in the affected classroom were relocated to a safe area in the building.

The Buffalo Police Department, the Buffalo Fire Department, and American Medical Response (AMR) responded to assist. All students and staff involved were evaluated by the nurse and paramedics and there was no further medical attention required.

The Shelter in Place was lifted at 12:45pm.

We appreciate the quick and urgent response of our First Responders. As a team, we work to ensure the safety, security, and well-being of each child in the building. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Main Office at 816-4040.

Sincerely,

Marlon P. Lee  
Principal