September 27, 2016

Statement

Center Grove Schools would like to thank all of the agencies that assisted the Center Grove Police Department in the search to safely bring home a Center Grove student who was the subject of an Amber Alert earlier today.

On Tuesday, September 27, 2016 around 10:50 a.m., the mother of a North Grove Elementary School student came to pick up her child at the front office. The mother was listed as a custodial parent in the student's records. Approximately 30 minutes later, the child's father arrived at the school with a court order issued that morning that provided him with sole custodial rights for the child. Because the child had already been released to her mother, the father called 911. The Center Grove Police Department (CGPD) was dispatched immediately. CGPD took all necessary actions, including requesting an Amber Alert be issued, to try to find the child. The Johnson County Sheriff's Department, Greenwood Police Department, and other state and local agencies joined CGPD in their search for the girl and her mother. At approximately 2:20 p.m., an Amber Alert was issued. The girl was located by the Greenwood Police Department at approximately 2:40 p.m. She was unharmed. This situation is still under investigation.

All Center Grove Schools are equipped with secure entrances, which require any visitors to be buzzed in before gaining access to the school. All procedures and protocols were followed in this situation.

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