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September 22, 2026

Dear Mountaineer Community,

We want to provide our community with an important update regarding a situation that impacted the Berlin Brothersvalley School District in 2024 and has recently received significant public attention.

In 2024, the District became the victim of a check fraud scheme in which checks belonging to the Berlin Brothersvalley School District were stolen and/or altered. The total value of the District's affected checks was just over \$2,900. Through the District's insurance coverage for incidents such as this, our actual financial loss was approximately \$500, representing our insurance deductible.

Since the incident occurred in 2024, the District has been working with our administrative team, solicitor, insurance representatives, and law enforcement as this matter has moved through the appropriate legal processes. We have continued to cooperate and provide information as requested and will continue to do so.

The reason this matter has become a significant public story now is that the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office recently announced criminal charges against 14 individuals in connection with an alleged check fraud organization involving more than \$1 million in attempted thefts across Pennsylvania and other states. The Attorney General's investigation identified Berlin Brothersvalley School District, along with another Somerset County school district, as among the victims whose checks were allegedly stolen and forged. Authorities have also stated that the school districts and other victims were not believed to have been involved in the alleged conspiracy.

We want our community to understand that while the Attorney General's announcement is new, this is not a new incident for Berlin Brothersvalley School District. We have been addressing and pursuing this matter since 2024 and have remained engaged throughout the legal process.

We will continue to work closely with our administrative staff, solicitor, insurance representatives, and the appropriate law enforcement agencies as this case proceeds. Our responsibility is to protect the resources entrusted to the District, cooperate fully with the legal process, and pursue appropriate accountability for those who allegedly targeted our school district.

We are grateful that this investigation has progressed to the point where charges have been filed. At the same time, we recognize that criminal charges are allegations and that the legal process must be allowed to proceed.

We wanted our community to have this information directly from the District so that there is clarity regarding our involvement. Berlin Brothersvalley School District was a victim of this situation, has been working through it since 2024, and will continue to pursue justice and accountability on behalf of our students, staff, families, and taxpayers.

Thank you for your continued trust and support of Berlin Brothersvalley School District and the Mountaineer community.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Casey Long
Superintendent
Berlin Brothersvalley School District

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Mrs. Rachel Prosser
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