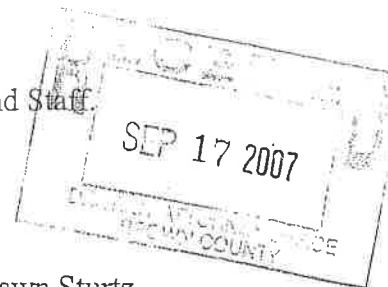


## Victim Impact Statement

Incident: Bombing and Firearms Threats to Green East High School Students and Staff  
September 14, 2006

Perpetrators: William Cornell, Shawn Sturtz, Bradley Netwal  
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At approximately 7:30 a.m. on Thursday September 14, 2006, we learned that Shawn Sturtz and William Cornell were planning a "Columbine-Style" attack on the school. The individual who reported to us said that one of the two students had told him about the plans the day before and that the attack may be imminent. Information that came from the interviews conducted jointly by the principals and the police resource officers included the fact that the two suspect students had amassed guns, knives, explosives and home made accelerants (napalm) which were stored in William Cornell's basement. Other information included the fact that Sturtz had talked of suicide by cop and had collaborated with Cornell and, as we learned the next day, Netwal, on a plan to, in Sturtz's words, "take over the school" by use of guns, explosives and firebombs.

All regular administrative and leadership work including a scheduled staff development, individual conferences with teachers, classroom visits and observations, general correspondence with staff and families and necessary and day to day contact with students was suspended or seriously curtailed for a full ten days following the incident of September 14, 2006.

Classroom instruction was substantively interrupted for several days following the incident as teachers worked with students to debrief and discuss the matter. Absences from school, while not significantly greater, did increase the first few days following September 14, 2006.

The most significant impact this threat and the subsequent details had and continues to have on East High School is in regard to the expressed needs for students, families and staff to believe they are safe, both physically and emotionally. Parents, staff and students frequently and continually express anxiety regarding the security measures that are in place and have communicated their need to know that all that can be done is being done in accordance with current best practices in school security.


East High and all Green Bay schools are now struggling to address the competing interests of maintaining open, welcoming community facilities with ensuring tight security and limited access to the school buildings.

The reputation of East High School, first established in 1860 and having produced thousands of successful, contributing and productive members of our local, state, national and world communities, has experienced a serious and permanent blow. This incident has played into the fears, suspicions and biases of people who have held a jaundiced, cynical and unwarranted negative opinion of East primarily because of the highly diverse population we serve.

Additionally, there were significant security-related costs added by the district and supported by taxpayers as a result of the planned acts to harm students and staff at East High School. New and additional district-wide security measures were added totaling \$219,015. These costs are summarized on the attached sheet. Operational changes were made as well including the requirement that all high school students wear photo identification badges.

To describe what was truly at risk is difficult. It is difficult, not because it cannot be described, but because the consequences of the attack would have had on the school, the neighborhood and the community of Green Bay are unfathomable.

Sturtz, Cornell and Netwal planned to come into East High School during a fourth hour lunch period, a time when upwards of 400 students would be concentrated in and about the cafeteria, chain or block the exits, fire weapons and detonate explosives and accelerants. The numbers of students who would have been killed and injured can't be estimated, but merely imagining the potential of the intended carnage to those young people who came to school expecting to be safe and secure is both staggering and sickening. The images that these words should convey are the very images that played then in the minds of hundreds of parents, teachers and students of East High School, and literally thousands of people in Green Bay, in Wisconsin and in the United States. Those images continue to play in the minds of scores of the aforementioned victims of this conspiracy.

  
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COST SUMMARY

District security staff for door security at Secondary Schools	\$201,600
Elimination of existing secondary door monitor positions	(189,648)
District security staff for door security for Elementary Schools	112,500
Additional Door Security (Events and as Needed)	15,000
Remote access and communication devices at all schools	10,500
Add camera systems at eight elementary schools	22,600
Require students to wear Student IDs	3,640
Additional safety vests	250
Provide all schools with an AED and related training	42,000
Provide police/fire departments with 24/7 pass to buildings	413
Install an emergency phone in each high school	<u>160</u>
<b>Total costs of all recommendations</b>	<b>\$219,015</b>