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Former Brown Deer Elementary PTO Treasurer Formally Charged with Theft of PTO Funds

BROWN DEER, WI — The School District of Brown Deer has issued the following statement:

Through a comprehensive investigation by the Brown Deer Police Department, the School District of Brown Deer has learned that a former parent volunteer of the elementary parent teacher organization misappropriated funds from the Brown Deer Elementary PTO as the Treasurer. The individual in question, Jennifer Vang has been formally charged by the Milwaukee County District Attorney. Mrs. Vang was the former BDE-PTO treasurer for at least eight years. The PTO funds are not associated with any of the school district's accounts, funds, financial reporting, or auditing process required by Wisconsin state law.

Last February 2019, an investigation was prompted by concerns related to questionable treasurer reports, late payments of bills and an apparent lack of fund balance in the account. The leadership of the PTO was very cooperative in this matter and has since changed their financial practices to include updated by-laws which requires an outside annual audit of their accounts and proper financial controls to prevent any further mishandling of funds raised by this volunteer group. Since this time and as a result of the investigation all known misappropriated funds were returned to the Brown Deer Elementary PTO.

Dr. Deb Kerr shared, "We appreciate the full cooperation of the PTO and the Brown Deer Police Department who took the lead on this investigation to get a favorable outcome for our parent volunteer group."

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