

## Response to recent “Mischief” at Burns High School!!!

A Readers Response is provided by Robert A

**Editor’s Note:** The following is a response from a reader in regard to the last article regarding the recent approved and organized “mischief” conducted by pranksters at Burns High School. Robert A believes no additional explanation is necessary. Except to say that the person is fearful of retaliation against the reader’s child. Which is a form of bullying that is rampaging through the halls of Cleveland County Schools as well as at School Board meetings.

*Mr. Williams,*

*I am thankful that my child is not a senior at Burns High School. If she were, I would be more than disappointed, I would be outraged.*

*It is bad enough that I have to take constant ribbing from my coworkers about Burns being a redneck school, and after this, I have nothing to argue back with.*

*What are we teaching students by allowing this kind of vandalism to be approved of by the principal? I was told that she showed up, smoking cigarettes on school property, gave a key that opens the doors to a student, and allowed the “pranking” to begin.*

*The pictures that I saw from her cell phone isn’t that of pranks, it is criminal in my book. And yes, I was told that there was damage to tables, desks, a microwave, and other things such as classrooms being ransacked with even confidential papers being strewn around the floor.*

*Is that what we want to teach our students? Is vandalism ok as long as an official says it is?*

*If a student, on their own, did this kind of mischief without the blessings of a higher up, they would be immediately suspended and possibly charged with a misdemeanor.*

*What is it that should be done?*

- 1. The principal should apologize to the students for poor lack of judgment in allowing them to become vandals when she should be teaching them by example of high morals and personal conduct.*
- 2. The principal should apologize to the teachers for betraying their trust of the wellbeing and sanctity of their classrooms and their school.*
- 3. The principal should apologize to the community for causing all of us to be seen as lower-class hoodlums that have no pride in their school.*

4. *The Superintendent should apologize for placing people from his inner circle of friends, loyal subordinates and church members into positions of authority, even though other people might be more qualified.*
5. *The School board should apologize for not making sure that the superintendent picks the best people for the job of making our schools the best.*

*Should severe punishment be handed out? I can't say. I just want my kids to learn right from wrong, to be proud of their school and their heritage, to take responsibility for their actions, and to be held accountable when they make poor decisions.*

*I'm sorry, but with my child being upset with me for feeling the way I do, I cannot sign this letter for fear of her being singled out by both students and administrators.*

*Thank you for letting me vent.*

*(No name was affixed to this message)*

Stay tuned folks, you ain't hear'd the end of this story!  
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