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FROM THE EDITOR

Disaster recovery

It's not possible to say that it can't happen to you. You may not live in a place that's prone to natural or weather-related disasters. But unfortunately, we've seen that man-made disasters in the form of school shootings can happen anywhere and can happen to anyone.



In this issue, our longtime communications columnist Nora Carr gives us an eyewitness account from a school board member and administrator in Moore, Okla.—a district that in May experienced a rare but deadly EF-5 category tornado. In “Storm Damage,” Carr recounts how district officials dealt with the aftermath of the tragedy, and lists recommendations on what to do if you ever find yourself in the same situation.



Senior Editor Lawrence Hardy writes in “Prepare to Defend” on how schools and districts have changed their security views, training, and procedures in the year since a shooter opened fire on elementary school students and teachers in Newtown, Conn.

With the holiday season upon us, school lawyer Sherry Hall Culves offers tips on how to stay on the right side of the law in “The 12 Rules of Christmas.”

A colleague recently said, “The only one who likes change is a baby with a wet diaper.” Readers and subscribers of this magazine are going to see some changes in these pages. We hope you will see them as welcome changes that make the magazine even more readable and relevant to your work as school leaders. Effective January 2014, *ASBJ*'s frequency will change to six times per year. The issues will contain a combined issue date and will mail bimonthly in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

The change in frequency will be accompanied by the first redesign of the magazine in seven years. We will have new features and content, along with a new look.

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