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TO: Green Hill School Staff & Young People
FROM: Jennifer Redman *Jennifer Redman*
Green Hill School Interim Superintendent
SUBJECT: Green Hill School Update – February 21, 2025

Good afternoon, Green Hill School,

Last Friday we celebrated the RESET Transformational Mentoring group graduation. The event had a Haka performance, song, and individual presentations on identity, self-love and adverse childhood experiences. Families of graduates were able to attend and share a meal to mark this achievement.

This week we have updates on security and audits.

Security Updates

This week DOC assisted DCYF/GHS staff with two unit searches by providing:

- 2 trained detection K-9's on campus to assist in searches
- Support for area searches while DCYF/GHS worked directly with the young people

GHS Audits

Over the last several months, GHS has had several audits as part of our efforts to make continuous improvement in safety and services. I have listed a few key takeaways:

- **Department of Corrections (DOC) audit** – Follow up audit from February 2024 occurred January 2025, which DOC communicated marked improvements in safety on campus, reduction of incidents, and improved procedures and training.
- **Department of Health (DOH) audit** – Follow up and positive review on our behavioral health credentials and licensing, including our substance abuse program.
- **Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators (CJJA) audit** – Provided specific corrective actions identified to address overcrowding and informed our Incident Command Objectives.
- **National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) audit** – Achieved high compliance with only one critical standard item to fix to over the next few months for final accreditation.

- **Performance-based Standards (PbS) Site Visit** – Our Performance-based Standards coach visited campus to review records associated with our twice-yearly data collections that inform our progress on safety, order, security, programming, reintegration, and health. We will be expanding campus understanding of PbS, which includes staff and youth surveys. We are excited to begin the family survey component of PbS soon.

If you have questions, please address them with your supervisor. Young people can reach out to their living unit manager.