

Echo Glen Superintendent Accepts Promotional Opportunity to Continue Rehabilitation Work

Olympia, WA — Echo Glen Superintendent Dan White announced today he plans to step down as superintendent of Echo Glen Children's Center after accepting a promotional opportunity with the South Correctional Entity (SCORE) Jail.

"This was a really difficult decision," said White. "I am grateful for the opportunity to serve JR and I am so proud of the work our team has accomplished at Echo Glen over the last year together. It has been my honor to work with the people who show up to work every day to improve outcomes for young people."

White will continue to serve as superintendent through the end of the month. Assistant Secretary Felice Upton is working diligently on identifying an interim and will be in close contact with Echo Glen leadership regarding future steps.

"We're going to miss Dan, he is a great leader, and I'm not surprised he found an amazing opportunity to continue the mission of rehabilitation," said DCYF Secretary Ross Hunter.

During his tenure, Superintendent White:

- Strengthened security mindset of staff
- Established a Security Manager position to provide a stronger leadership structure for the security team
- Established strong community partnership with the local community and law enforcement partners
- Coordinated major projects including:
 - A new telephone system, a new security radio system, increased cameras, new campus lighting
 - Enhanced perimeter security process and procedures
 - Implemented better communication with security staff
 - Supported the maintenance team with adjusting priorities to raise the standard of facility living and working conditions

In the coming months, DCYF will begin a search for a new Echo Glen superintendent.

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