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**TO:** Green Hill School Staff & Young People  
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**SUBJECT:** Green Hill School Update – Nov. 25, 2024

Good afternoon, Green Hill School,

Earlier today Governor Inslee hosted a press event on our campus previewing his budget and policy proposals for Juvenile Rehabilitation heading into the next year. Key among his highlights was the announcement that DCYF would officially open new capacity in early 2025. Adding additional capacity to the JR continuum is necessary to mitigate the growing JR population and overcrowding here at Green Hill School that threatens safety and programming.

DCYF will officially launch the Emerging Adults Leadership Program at a new JR facility. The new 48-bed DCYF facility will be located in Aberdeen, Washington on the grounds of Stafford Creek Correctional Center.

While some details are known, many remain in development. The first step will be to recruit site leadership and staff. Leadership positions for the new facility will be posted on Nov. 26, 2024 with a hiring event to follow in early December. The soonest the new program would be operational and serving young people would be in February 2025.

The Emerging Adult Leaders Program facility will be staffed and run by DCYF. Young people will be able to apply to this program designed to build skills in leadership and mentoring. To be eligible to transfer into this leadership program young men must be over the age of 18, completed a high school level education, be in medium custody unit, and have stable mental health. A foundational goal of the new facility is that young people build leadership and mentoring skills that will benefit them in their community either back at Green Hill School, in a less restrictive setting, or upon release. As more program details are known they will be shared with staff and residents.

I want to be clear, although this facility will relieve some overcrowding, DCYF will continue to explore other viable options for expanding the JR footprint as the JR population continues to increase.

I also want to note an increase in incidents over the weekend. You likely noticed additional searches on campus over the weekend that are continuing today, this was a direct result of an incident involving the introduction of contraband. Keeping our campus safe, and free of contraband is critical. You will continue to see a strong response stemming from incidents that put our young people and staff at risk.