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TO: Green Hill School Staff & Young People

FROM: Jennifer Redman
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SUBJECT: Green Hill School Update – January 17, 2025

Good afternoon, Green Hill School,

This week, we have the exciting honor of welcoming [Tana Senn as our new Secretary of DCYF](#). She has expressed a deep appreciation and awareness of the challenges in JR, specifically GHS, and is eager to learn more. She will join us at Green Hill school next week to see the facility, learn about our programs, talk with staff and young people.

Due to ongoing conflicts, we made some residential changes within the units this week to separate young people. Ideally, we would be able to help youth engage in conflict resolution or commit to non-violence while at GHS but due to the overcrowding and current realities we are taking this approach for now. This is the shift we made a few years ago, and it worked, with Willow used for the small group who refused to commit to non-violence. It will allow us to block school schedules to reduce the path-crossing of rivals (by unit) and hopefully reduce unit conflicts.

The NCCHC (medical care) audit is in two weeks. We are on the home stretch in completing the mandatory training to earn our certification.

This week, we have additional updates on security and recruitment.

Security: This week, staff were on campus to repair broken cameras. Walkthroughs took place for the upgrades and replacement of the HVAC system.

Recruitment: 50 new employees attended onboarding this week. Round 2 of GHS superintendent interviews have begun. Candidates who advance to Round 3 will visit campus for the day, where we will set up forums for staff and youth and other activities to inform a final decision. I will keep you apprised as this process continues to move forward.