

Green Hill Leadership Transition Update

DCYF announced today that Green Hill School Superintendent Jason Aldana is stepping down and has accepted a role with the Department of Corrections. Jennifer Redman, who currently serves as DCYF's Director of Operations, Safety, and Security, has been named Green Hill's interim superintendent. These changes are effective Friday, Oct. 11.

Jennifer previously served as superintendent of Green Hill for six years and has a deep understanding of the facility's operations and current safety challenges.

"Jennifer brings unique expertise and experience that will help us continue safety reforms as we address the unsafe overcrowding situation at Green Hill School," said DCYF Secretary Ross Hunter. "She has a deep commitment to our mission of providing treatment, resources and skills that help young people plan for their future and reenter their communities. I appreciate her willingness to lead Green Hill during this crucial time."

"I also want to thank Jason for his service at Green Hill," Hunter continued. "I wish him great success in his new role."

DCYF remains focused on responding to dangerous overcrowding that creates safety risks for staff and young people and reduces access to education and services. The Unified Incident Command will remain in place at Green Hill.

Aldana and Redman have both helped implement several important safety and programming improvements at GHS. Among the measures implemented during the past year are:

- Updated security screening protocols that include bag searching and body scanning with new scanning equipment for staff and visitors.
- Updated process and protocol for evidence collection and storage.
- A new Wireless Portable Technology policy.
- Updated training to ensure safe movement and improved incident response on campus.
- Expanded educational opportunities for GHS residents, including a bachelor's degree program.
- Partnerships with Bridge Music that led to an award-winning youth produced Anti-Fentanyl music video.
- Increased youth recreation opportunities, including competitions for weightlifting and chess.

To sustainably manage the increasing number of young men in the juvenile rehabilitation system, DCYF continues exploring options for new facilities. [Weekly updates](#) are available on DCYF's website.

DCYF will begin a search for a new GHS superintendent.