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TO: Green Hill School Staff & Residents

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JR Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Green Hill School Update – Oct. 4, 2024

Good afternoon, Green Hill School,

Last week, we shared updates regarding ongoing staff training that included important information about safety practices on campus, how to handle specific scenarios, and the significance of Emergency Response. You can find this update and previous communications on our [Juvenile Rehabilitation webpage](#).

This week, Unified Command conducted part-two of an all-staff training session focused on elements of Emergency Response with tabletop exercises. Roughly 40 GHS staff members attended, and we've heard a lot of positive feedback. This training ensures the sustainability of the safety improvements that everyone is working diligently to implement.

Cleaning on campus is underway with maintenance focusing on grounds keeping and the work experience sanitation program. We are also in the process of deep cleaning residential living units with contracted professionals.

We are also excited to share that to address our staffing shortages, Green Hill School will be hosting a job fair at Centralia College. This one-day hiring event is an opportunity for us to interview throughout the event for Juvenile Rehabilitation Officers. For additional details about the individual positions and event or to expedite the application process please check out our [hiring event information online](#).

Thank you to everyone who continues to dedicate time and energy to ensuring a safe environment for both our staff and the residents in our care. While we still have a long way to go, the data and the feedback from staff and residents indicate these changes are having a positive impact.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we continue to explore solutions for our significant capacity challenges.

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