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TO: Green Hill School Staff & Residents

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SUBJECT: Green Hill School Update – Jan. 10, 2025

Good afternoon, Green Hill School,

I hope you all had a good week and start to the new year. With our ongoing population crisis, we continue to have conflicts on campus, however with school back in session, we are seeing some relief due to young people returning to a regular schedule.

Additionally, campus leadership met earlier this week and developed a plan for restructuring campus to support intake improvements, spaces for those wishing to drop out of gangs without impacting acute mental health beds, and some level of separation where there are group conflicts. These changes occurred on Wednesday with new school schedules for those impacted occurring Monday. These adjustments will not fix everything but the hope is it will help us better manage the volume of young people better.

While we hope this reduces the uptick in aggression on campus, a reminder that when there are conflicts, staff should first focus on securing their residents before responding to incidents. Conflicts can be very unsettling, so don't hesitate to get in touch with your peer's support team or the crisis team if you need additional support.

This week, we have a few updates on contraband, security, and recruitment.

Contraband: Last month, we implemented new visitation and mail processing protocols to reduce contraband, specifically harmful drugs, from entering our campus. We have seen an immediate impact due to these changes, and staff recovered contraband from a visitation pass.

Security: Maintenance continues to address the resident door lock issues. DOC leadership will be on campus Monday, Jan. 13, to provide the latest update to their February 2024 assessment as part of the Gov's office transition planning. They will assist in monitoring video surveillance during visitation timeframes.

Recruitment: 18 more new staff participated in New Employee Orientation (NEO) this week. The hiring event for the new facility reported 20 participants attended.

Incident Command is also reducing and changing location. This means more space will be available in the Rainier Room and behind the stage for programming.

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