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**TO:** Green Hill School Staff & Young People

**FROM:** Jennifer Redman Green Hill School Interim Superintendent

SUBJECT: Green Hill School Update – March 14, 2025

Good afternoon, Green Hill School,

This week, we announced the hiring of two new superintendents for Echo Glen and Harbor Heights. The position of GHS Superintendent will be posted soon for applicants, and I am confident we will find a wonderful candidate to fill this important role.

The new Harbor Heights Superintendent will be visiting campus during his onboarding and training. This will be a great opportunity for him to learn more about GHS and JR and support the transition of young people to Harbor Heights.

The JR Violation Hearings process has started, with serious violation referrals submitted over the last two weeks. Thank you all for supporting this new process. If you would like to learn more, please visit the <u>Behavior Management website</u>.

GHS was recently referenced in a news story that discussed search protocols. I want to once again remind staff of <u>Policy 5.70</u>, which outlines protocols for conducting searches and handling contraband, it also reflects legal constraints that protect the rights of young people at JR facilities. For instance, staff cannot withhold bathroom access during searches due to legal settlements, even though this could inadvertently result in evidence destruction. The policy specifically addresses this by requiring pat searches before bathroom use and area searches of bathrooms. I believe providing clarity and context around this issue is critical as it involves safety and security of young people and staff.

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