

## Milwaukee County

## Board of Supervisors

May 23, 2016

Secretary Jon E. Litscher Wisconsin Department of Corrections 3099 E. Washington Ave. P.O. Box 7925 Madison, WI 53707-7925

Dear Secretary Litscher,

As legislators who represent the people of Milwaukee County, we write to express our deep concern for the children residing at Lincoln Hills School for Boys and Copper Lake School. The continuous news reports of staff shortages, suicide attempts, medicinal mistakes, and the ongoing federal investigation raise grave concerns about the safety, health, and welfare of the young people residing in these facilities.

Milwaukee County juveniles make up the majority of those currently housed in these two correctional facilities, and there is little information available from the State of Wisconsin regarding efforts to improve the current state of affairs. In the hope of opening the lines of communication, we respectfully request that you or your representative appear at the next meeting of the Milwaukee County Committee on Health and Human Needs on Wednesday, June 15, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. to share information. The meeting will be held at the Milwaukee County Courthouse, 901 N. 9th Street, Room 201B, Milwaukee, WI.

If you or your representative are able to attend please contact the Committee Coordinator, Allyson Smith, at (414) 278-4225 or by e-mail at allyson.smith@milwaukeecountywi.gov. We welcome the opportunity to hear from you regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Members of the Milwaukee County Committee on Health and Human Needs

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