

Dept. of Corrections: Statement regarding settlement in J.J. et al v. Litscher et al

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MADISON – Wisconsin Department of Corrections Secretary Jon Litscher today announced that a settlement has been reached in J.J. et al v. Litscher et al, which was filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin:

“Staff and youth safety is paramount to the Department of Corrections and we believe this settlement will maintain options which allow us to safely manage youth. We will continue to emphasize mental health treatment and education. Over the last two years, our investments have prioritized security, education, and mental health treatment, along with sweeping changes to security policies and practices.

Department leaders will continue meeting with staff on an ongoing basis to seek their input and will be providing comprehensive training to both security and non-security staff as we implement the terms of this agreement.

We are continuing to move ahead with reforms to Wisconsin’s juvenile corrections system, including the development and construction of new Type 1 juvenile correctional facilities, partnerships with counties to develop secure residential care centers for children and youth, and the conversion of Copper Lake School/Lincoln Hills School to an adult correctional facility.”