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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA

JAMES HORTON, et al.,)
Plaintiffs,) NO. C94-5428 RJB
vs.) JOINT STATUS REPORT
BOB WILLIAMS, et al.,)
Defendants.))

The parties hereby file the following Joint Status Report in compliance with the Court's Minute Order dated August 17, 1994.

1. The Nature of the Case

This is a civil rights class action challenging a number of physical plant conditions and a variety of practices at Green Hill School (GHS) located in Chehalis, Washington. Plaintiffs are juveniles confined at GHS and defendants include officials in charge of the administration of that facility (State defendants) and the Chehalis School District. Plaintiffs assert claims related to the lack of adequate treatment and education services, defendants' disciplinary

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practices, the lack of interpreters for non-English speaking residents, and the physical plant conditions at GHS.

2. The Status of the Case

The case has been certified as a class action by Order entered September 29, 1994. The State defendants' Motion to Dismiss is pending. Plaintiffs' Motion for a Preliminary Injunction regarding the use of aerosol oleoresin capsicum (pepper spray) is also pending.

Plaintiffs have conducted a few depositions and received responses to one production of document request relating to their pepper spray claim. All parties expect to conduct extensive discovery. The State defendants expect to file a motion for Summary Judgment.

3. Special Master

A special master may be appropriate for enforcement purposes if relief is granted to the plaintiffs.

4. Mediation

Mediation is not appropriate under Local Rule 39.1 at this stage. After resolution of preliminary motions, mediation may be appropriate.

5. Full-Time Magistrate Judge

Not all parties agree that a full-time Magistrate Judge may conduct all proceedings under Local Rule MJR 13.

6. Trial Date

Due to the many claims brought by the plaintiffs, and anticipated discovery, this case is not likely to be ready for trial until late 1995 or early 1996.

7. Trial by Jury or Non-jury

A non-jury trial would be conducted.

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1	8.	Number of Trial Days
2		The number of trial days is unknown at this time.
3	9.	Names of Trial Counsel
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5		For the plaintiffs: Patricia J. Arthur
6		David Lambert Robert A. Stalker, Jr.
7		For the State defendants:
8		Richard McCartan Carol Murphy
10		For the Chehalis School District:
11		Brian Baker
12	10.	Scheduling Conflicts:
13		There are no dates in 1996 which present a complication for scheduling this trial.
14	11.	Suggestion for Shortening Trial:
15		The parties have no suggestions at this time given the uncertainty of the length of trial
16	and is	sues to be heard at trial.
17		Respectfully submitted this $31^{\frac{5}{2}}$ day of <u>letober</u> , 1994.
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