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TO: Each Supervisor

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SUBJECT: **CAMP ROCKEY – BOIL WATER NOTICE; SUBSEQUENT EVACUATION AND DISTURBANCE**

This is to advise your Board on May 20, 2011, at approximately 2:00 p.m. a Public Health Boil Water Notice was issued at Camp Rockey. This was a result of staff observing a noticeable drop in camp water pressure. Staff contacted Internal Services Department (ISD) for repairs and determined that there was a break in the wiring that impacted the water system. Public Health-Environmental Water Division was notified, and they immediately issued a "Boil Water Notice." Until repairs could be made, a decision was made to evacuate the camp.

During the evacuation process, at approximately 3:45 p.m., a disturbance occurred in the dorm. The Sheriff's were called for assistance, and upon their arrival, they were posted within the camp, allowing staff to secure unruly minors in the dorm, and Special Housing Unit, and proceed with the evacuation. Preliminary information revealed that there was one assault on a minor, one attempted assault on a staff, and no other violence against minors or staff.

At the time of the disturbance, there were nine (9) full duty staff and three (3) work hardening staff on the camp grounds, with a total of 73 minors in the camp facility. In addition, four (4) transportation staff were on the grounds. One minor required medical attention, due to high blood pressure, and one staff member reported injury of his left arm and shoulder; no other injuries were reported.

The camp was completely evacuated at 6:30 p.m. with all minors and staff reassigned to Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall.

Further investigation is pending and I will apprise the Board with more information as it becomes available.

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