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Attachments: Warden's Bulletin 23-34 HDSP's Visitation Schedule.pdf

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Good Morning,

Attached is a memo that was posted at High Desert State Prison with intended changes to the visitation schedule which would eliminate in person visitation on weekends effective September 11, 2023.

As an organization that represents incarcerated people and their families, we are very concerned with the impact this will have on people who are incarcerated and their ability to maintain connections to their families and loved ones, as well as the impact on people and families at home and children.

This schedule only has one available evening a week that allows time for school age children to visit a parent, and that is if the parent is able to get them, get them to visit and back home without dinner or homework.

Return Strong, families of the incarcerated and those that support us are asking for a stay on this decision for the following purpose:

1. We ask that the implementation date be delayed until we NDOC allows for public response to this intended change. We have requested a town hall or video roundtable to discuss the changes, implementation and proposed alternative solutions that address the needs of all families.
2. We request a date and time for a public meeting to allow feedback that would be provided by the public and impacted people, allowing NDOC/Warden Williams and administration to attempt to find workable solutions and acknowledge the voice of the people.
3. We ask for a temporary end date to be reviewed and evaluated as staffing needs change. It is our understanding that there are changes on the horizon that could correct the staffing shortage at HDSP relatively soon, and if so, we would like a review date of these changes to be implemented.

Thank You,

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