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Subject July 14, 2005 Judges' meeting

It has come to my attention that a special judges' meeting, of the judges of our court, was held on July 14, 2005. Neither I, nor any member of my staff, was notified by either you, as Administrative Judge, or any member of your staff, of the scheduling of the meeting. As you are aware, the two agenda items discussed at the July 14, 2005 meeting; i.e. proposed TOPS Program to replace the SMART Program and the appointment of an Interim Superintendent of the JDC, are matters of great importance.

Due process requires all elected Judges of the Court receive notice prior to scheduling and convening meetings such as the July 14, 2005 meeting. **Your failure to notify me of this meeting is totally unacceptable!** All Judges' secretaries of our Court, with the exception of my personal secretary, were informed of the aforementioned meeting. Due process requires that **all judges** of the court be notified, by the Administrative Judge or someone on his behalf, prior to convening any such meetings.

As you undoubtedly are aware, I personally informed Ms. Kerri Griffin, in her capacity as Deputy Director of Human Resources, of the importance of notifying me personally, in the event a meeting was scheduled during the week of July 13, 2005, regarding appointing an Interim Superintendent of the JDC. Notwithstanding that I was on vacation the week of July 13, 2005, it is your responsibility to notify **all judges** before conducting court business which allows input and a vote, prior to taking action, such as appointing an interim superintendent of the JDC, voting regarding a \$300,000+ expenditure of court funds and decisions regarding new programming. It is my position that any and all business at the July 14, 2005 judges meeting, should be set aside and reconsidered at a future August 2005 judges' meeting; for which all judges receive the required notification and all judges have the opportunity to make comments and have input before decisions such as those made at the July 14, 2005 meeting are permitted to stand.

I have requested the minutes for the July 14, 2005 meeting. However, the minutes I received pursuant to said request, signed by Ms. Kerri Griffin, are erroneously dated July 25, 2005. I was informed, via e-mail, that the regularly scheduled Judges' meeting for the month of July, previously set for July 25, 2005, was cancelled. The July 14, 2005 meeting minutes must accurately reflect the July 14, 2005 date of said meeting. Unfortunately, this appears to be one more egregious example of your continuing practice of abuse of your authority as Administrative Judge. I hereby request that the issues decided at the July 14, 2005 Judges' meeting be reconsidered at a August 2005 Judges' meeting and the matters voted upon at the subject meeting be re-opened for further consideration and discussion.

I'd kindly appreciate your timely consideration of this matter.