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Janklow Invites Legislators To Tour State Training School October 21, 1999

(Pierre) – Gov. Bill Janklow said Thursday he hopes South Dakota legislators will accept his invitation to tour the State Training School at Plankinton next week.

The tour of the juvenile corrections campus will be Friday, October 29. "Although it could be scheduled for a weekend, this allows them to see the students in their classes on a normal school day," Janklow said.

Janklow said some legislators have toured the training school in recent weeks. They were allowed to visit after making advance arrangements. Several legislators, both Democrats and Republicans, have been refused entry when they arrived unannounced.

"Some of these kids can be dangerous or could try to take advantage of a situation, so we can't let people just wander around when and where they want," Janklow said.

The Plankinton campus is the site of the juvenile prison and the training school. There are 24 males and 18 females at the juvenile prison. There are 72 males and 29 females at the training school.