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School, Law Enforcement Leaders Invited to Tour Juvenile Corrections Programs

(Pierre) –School and law enforcement leaders from across South Dakota will have the opportunity to visit the state run juvenile corrections programs near Custer this summer.

Corrections Secretary Jeff Bloomberg has extended a personal invitation to every high school principal, states attorney and sheriff in South Dakota to visit the Custer Youth Corrections Center (CYCC) and learn more about the various programs offered there.

"Each program is unique in the approach taken to help young people address and overcome their problems," says Doug Herrmann, Director of Juvenile Corrections. "However, each of the programs share the common goal of helping youth get their lives back on track and becoming productive citizens."

Herrmann hopes the tours will provide a better understanding of the problems faced by the young people in the state's care. "We're also hoping to develop a better understanding of the problems these people are experiencing in their communities," says Herrmann.

Participants can choose between thirteen designated dates to visit CYCC. Each of the invitees will be given a tour of the programs and will have complete access to staff members and youth. On two of the designated dates, participants can also attend a graduation ceremony for the Patrick Henry Brady Boot Camp.

CYCC consists of the Brady Boot Camp and the Living Center A & B programs for boys and the QUEST and ExCEL programs for girls. For information on each of the programs, visit the South Dakota Department of Corrections website at <http://www.state.sd.us/corrections.juvenile.htm>.