

April 14, 2009

Larry Hawkins, Superintendent
Oklahoma School for the Deaf
1100 East Oklahoma Street
Sulphur, Oklahoma 73086

Re: First Biannual Visit, 2009

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced visit on March 25, 2009, at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf, located in Sulphur, Oklahoma. During the oversight visit, the OJSO spoke with administrators and staff members, interviewed six residents, reviewed documents and files, and toured residential/common areas used by the students.

No violations or concerns were noted during the visit, as the OJSO reported during the exit conference. On the day of the oversight visit, the facility was clean and well-maintained. The students gave favorable responses to the interview questions, and the records reviewed were complete and current.

No written response to this report letter is required. The report letter will be sent to the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services State Office and will be published on the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth web page at www.okkids.org. The OJSO appreciated the helpfulness of the administration and staff in arranging the interviews, hosting the observational tour, and providing the necessary materials for review. If you have any questions or comments concerning this correspondence, please call me at 405-606-4900.

Sincerely,

Cliff A. Aldridge
Oversight Specialist IV

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c: Michael O'Brien