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IS TO INFORM YOU ABOUT  
CAMP JOSEVA SEPT. YOU MAY  
BE AWARE OF THIS PLACE.

THIS CAMP IS ON THE BOUNDARIES  
OF AND IS USING THE RESIDENCES/  
PHYSICAL PLANT OF THE GENERAL  
CAMP. HOWEVER, A RESIDENTIAL  
CAMP LIVES ON BUT BEING  
IN BRUNNEN COUNTY, NEAR THE  
CITY FRONT LINE, THE CLOSEST  
TOWN IS GLEN, W.VA. THE  
CAMP IS SUPPOSEDLY OWNED  
AND OPERATED BY A PASTOR  
LIVING IN Dixie, W.V.

THIS CAMP IS NEAR  
BEING called "JOSEVA SEPT SEPT."  
AND IS BEING APPROXIMATELY  
THE MOUNTAIN VIEW CAMP IS IN

1862 Jackson St.  
Charleston, WV 25301

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Superintendent  
State Dept. of Education  
State Capital  
Charleston, WV 25305



AND EDUCATED THERE. THESE  
ARE YOUTHS UNDER 18. I  
DON'T KNOW IF THIS SCHOOL/  
CAMP IS LICENSED AS A SCHOOL  
WITH THE DEPT. OF EDUCATION OR  
IF IT IS REQUIRED TO BE SO  
REGISTERED. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT  
PRIVATE SCHOOLS HAVE TO BE REGISTERED  
BY THE STATE. IF THIS IS A  
HOME SCHOOL SITUATION, I UNDERSTAND  
THAT ONLY A PARENT/GUARDIAN CAN  
HOME EDUCATE THEIR OWN CHILDREN  
OR ADOPTED CHILDREN. CAN THEY  
EDUCATE CHILDREN ASSIGNED TO THEM  
BY THEIR PARENTS? WHO TEACHES THESE  
CHILDREN AND ARE THEY LICENSED  
TEACHERS?

I WOULD IMAGINE THE  
HOUSING FACILITIES AND FOOD  
SERVICES/SANITARY SERVICES WOULD  
HAVE TO BE INSPECTED/APPROVED  
BY THE DEPT. OF HEALTH, ALSO.  
AND, WOULD ANY OF THIS BEING  
BE UNDER THE (CUST) OF CPS?  
A LOT OF UNANSWERED QUESTIONS  
SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR *Shirley Taylor*

September 23, 2014

Mr. James Waldeck  
Blue Creek Academy  
PO Box 67  
Belva, WV 26656

**ECOPY**



**PLEASE  
NOTE**

Dear Mr. Waldeck:

On Friday, August 29, 2014 my office was notified by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) that all students had been removed from your school. DHHR has now provided official notice of the incident to me; the official report indicates that maltreatment of children has occurred.

W.Va.Code §18-8-1(k) establishes an exemption from the compulsory school attendance requirement for a child who attends a non-public school that complies with the provisions of §18-28-1 et. seq. The purpose of this letter is to notify you that since your school did not comply with state law, I am revoking the Exemption (k) status for Blue Creek Academy. Due to the egregious nature of the non-compliance, children's health, safety and welfare, any future attempts by the school to seek reinstatement of the exemption status will be denied by this office.

I am providing a copy of this letter to Dr. Ronald Duerring, Superintendent of Kanawha County Schools, so that he may notify affected students/parents of this action. I will also notify additional counties, if necessary, once the placement of each child is verified. Those students will be enrolled in the appropriate public school.

Should you have questions about this letter please contact Betty Jordan, Executive Assistant to the State Superintendent, at [bjordan@k12.wv.us](mailto:bjordan@k12.wv.us) or 304.558.2118.

Respectfully,

Michael J. Martirano, Ed.D.  
State Superintendent of Schools

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c: Ronald Duerring, Superintendent, Kanawha County Schools  
Eddie Ivey, Attendance Director, Kanawha County Schools  
Laura Sperry-Barno, Deputy IPC Compact Administrator  
Hank Hager, Counsel to Committee on Education, West Virginia Senate  
David Mohr, Legislative Policy Analyst, West Virginia House of Delegates

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

**INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED ABUSE OR NEGLECT IN CHILD CARE AGENCY**

I. **Identifying Information:**

- A. **Date of Incident:** 07/01/2014
- B. **Agency:** BLUE CREEK ACADEMY
- C. **Agency's Address:** 9382 Dutch Ridge Road  
Clendenin West Virginia 25045-
- D. **Date of Report:** 07/14/2014

- II. **Allegation:** Allegations are that in June of 2014, a student/resident of Blue Creek Academy named [REDACTED] ran from the facility and made it to Clay County, where custody was taken by Clay County CPS due to [REDACTED] parents (who are residents of Colorado) refusing to come and get [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] begged to not return to Blue Creek Academy. [REDACTED] and another child ([REDACTED]) were molested by another resident ([REDACTED]) at Blue Creek Academy in 2012. An investigation was completed at the time and was unsubstantiated. Since [REDACTED] has been in custody, he has been disclosing abuse/neglect occurring at Blue Creek Academy. He stated that they shaved his head, whipped him with a paddle if he failed a test (the paddle was wooden with 16 holes in it and left some red marks and a little bruising), whipped him with the paddle if failed to memorize scripture, [REDACTED] (Mr. Thompson, director) shoved him really hard up against the wall when he would not admit he had broken a bench, staff would monitor all phone calls and [REDACTED] could only report good things to his parents. Punishment would also include a bean and water diet, and the length of time of this diet would be up to [REDACTED] (Mr. Thompson). [REDACTED] has stated the water was bad, undrinkable, and smelled of sulphur. Blue Creek Academy allegedly does not take the children to the doctor while they are residents there. [REDACTED] reported they could not speak to anyone while in public nor were they allowed to make eye contact. [REDACTED] reported when he attempted to run, he had to scrub the floors and bathrooms in the facility. [REDACTED] reports being fearful of staff at Blue Creek Academy. There are seven more boys left at Blue Creek Academy. Concerns about Blue Creek Academy have also been voiced by Kanawha County Prosecuting Attorney, Rocky Holmes, and [REDACTED] Guardian ad Litem, [REDACTED] (Jesse Embrey).

III. **Summary of Investigation:**

All children present at Blue Creek Academy have disclosed abuse/neglect by [REDACTED]. He has left marks on children as a result of paddling with a wooden paddle for discipline, he has failed to properly supervise [REDACTED] which resulted in [REDACTED] molesting other children and bringing the children guns, drugs, and alcohol. The academy is infested with rats.

**IV. Determination:**

**A. Finding(s):** Maltreatment has occurred, Maltreatment has not occurred, Unable to complete Initial Assessment

**V. Recommendations:**

**A. Maltreatment:**

It was advised by Kanawha County prosecuting attorney, Rocky Holmes, that all children be removed from Blue Creek Academy. A maltreatment finding has been made against [REDACTED].

**B. Administration/Agency:**

Because the academy is unlicensed, there is no closure possible through DHHR. However, according to regional attorney, Michael Jackson, DHHR should alert the WV Board of Education.

**C. Licensing:**

N/A

Worker's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: IIU Investigator

Date: September 19, 2014

Approved by:

Supervisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: September 19, 2014