
DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

DJJ Receives Second Palmetto Gold Award for Academic Excellence

DJJ's school district has received a Palmetto Gold Award in the amount of \$16,608 from the State Department of Education in recognition of its high level of academic achievement and student academic improvement. The district recently received an "excellent" rating in the absolute rating category and "good" in the improvement rating category, making it one of the top performing school districts statewide.

State Superintendents held Quarterly Meeting at DJJ

On December 1, 2005, the South Carolina Association of School Superintendents sponsored the State Superintendent's quarterly meeting at the Department of Juvenile Justice's Broad River Road Complex. State Superintendent Inez Tenenbaum set the agenda and presided over the meeting. The overall theme for the meeting was proposed legislation regarding truancy and disturbing schools and its impact on the state's educational system.

In an effort to generate greater awareness of truancy, the meeting included a panel of six DJJ students who openly discussed why they chose truancy over attending school and how their actions led to further involvement in delinquent activities. Superintendent Tenenbaum narrated the discussion, which generated a number of insightful questions from the superintendents.

Schedule

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| January 11 | Youth Challenge Academy Foundation and Advisory Boards
Olympia Armory |
| January 17 | Friends of Juvenile Justice Board Meeting
DJJ, Willow Lane Chapel |