



MPF CLOSURE UPDATE: MEMBER MEETINGS TODAY, STAFF ON SITE THROUGH WEDNESDAY

As announced in Thursday's bulletin, the Oaks and Pugsley are the layoff unit for the Pugsley closure.

Members within the layoff unit will be allowed to voluntarily transfer outside of the layoff unit before the bumping process begins. In the bumping process, the two facilities' seniority lists will be combined, and all FTEs at the Oaks will be filled according to seniority. Members who do not have the seniority to be placed at the Oaks

will be offered a "Transfer in Lieu of Layoff" transfer sheet.

Meetings will be held at both chapters today.

MCO central office staff sent emails about the meetings to all MPF and ECF members who have provided us with an email address. Board members and staff will be

**Pugsley meeting:
4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. in the
MPF training room.**

**Oaks meeting:
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. in the
ECF training room.**

at the meetings to discuss the closure process.

Oaks and Pugsley members are urged to attend their chapter's meeting. Even if you cannot stay, please stop by to pick up an information packet. In addition, staff will be on site

Tuesday and Wednesday.

LEGISLATURE SENDS BUDGET TO GOVERNOR; PRISON KITCHEN BILLS PASS OUT OF COMMITTEE

Last week, the House and Senate passed a \$38.7 billion general omnibus budget for Fiscal Year 2017. The omnibus budget, HB 5294, is a single proposal that includes all departmental spending recommendations, except for the School Aid Fund which is handled separately.

In total, the department of corrections will spend \$2,002,729,000, in FY '17 after reductions and savings are factored in to meet the projected revenue shortfalls statewide.

Despite early demands by the Senate GOP to close two state-run correctional facilities and require the state to open and operate a privately owned institution, a deal was brokered amongst legislators to close only the Pugsley Correctional Facility

and save a projected \$27.0 million.

According to the omnibus conference report, savings will be achieved from a combination of the following:

- Eliminating \$24,863,100 in funding used for operation of the facility;
- Reducing funding for education programs by \$842,700;
- Reducing funding for clinical and mental health care by \$2,326,400;
- Reducing funding for prison store operations by \$78,400; and
- Increasing funding by \$1,041,200 for Northern Region Administration and Support to cover transition costs.

The "Big Bus," as the general omnibus is referred to in Lansing, was approved 26-11 in the Senate and 71-37 in the House.

To see how your legislator voted go to the Michigan Legislature website at legislature.mi.gov and under the heading "journals" look at Senate Journal 57, pg. 1098 and House Journal 57, pg. 1539.

Two bills that would make privately-run prison kitchens subject to inspection passed out of a legislative committee last week.

HB 4748 and 4749 were heard in the House Oversight and Ethics Committee and passed with bipartisan support.

The inspections would be done by a local health department or the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, according to the bills.

AROUND THE STATE: DRF INMATES BOYCOTT MEALS; TOY DRONE FOUND OUTSIDE JCF

Hundreds of DRF east side inmates boycotted lunch and dinner Saturday in a peaceful protest.

Only 242 prisoners ate lunch, and 740 ate dinner, officers tell MCO. The prison's east side, which is Level I, has about 1,100 inmates. Normally, about 1,000 inmates go to lunch and dinner, officers say.

The east side of the prison was placed on lock down Saturday afternoon, and five inmates were sent to a Level IV unit. The lock down was lifted after dinner. Things seemed back to normal Sunday.

The inmates were protesting poor Trinity food quality and poor portion sizes. The last straw was a watered-down sloppy joe dinner served earlier in the week, an officer said. Inmates shouldn't have to protest to get decent food.

A toy drone was found Thursday on the ground outside of Cotton.

A porter spotted it while cutting grass, officers said. It appeared to have been lying there for a while.

Kinross officers' vigilance stopped contraband from coming over the fence and led to two arrests.

It happened in the early morning hours June 7. People tried to throw cell phones, heroin, and marijuana into the prison. Officers saw them and pursued one of them on foot.

This was the second time in less than a month that someone tried to throw contraband over the fence at Kinross but wasn't successful.