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To: NYSCOPBA Executive Board

From: Mike Marro, NYSCOPBA Staffing / Grievance

Re: Membership Questions and Concerns on Status of Reassignments and Promotions

Date: June 8, 2020

I have received many correspondents from members regarding the lack of DOCCS security staff reassignments, promotions and placements, and their concerns over when such staff movement will resume.

Although there is no official freeze on reassignments, promotions and placements in DOCCS for security personnel, there is an obvious precautionary pause on those actions due to COVID-19 concerns and issues, which have also caused the Academy to remain closed since April.

Over the last few months, I have repeatedly contacted Dan Taney, DOCCS Security Personnel, to ask if there is a status update or an anticipated timeline for reassignments/promotions to resume. As of today, Dan advises me that unfortunately, he has no idea when the next round of reassignments/promotions are going to be. He is hoping soon, but he doesn't have any more information than that right now.

Also, I have received a plethora of calls about incidental inmate movement occurring across the state, and how many staff believe that inmate movement should somehow be directly tied to staff movement. While that concept is understood, I assure you that inmate movement and staff movement are not directly linked in any way. They are mutually exclusive, and both are at the complete discretion of DOCCS.

To clarify, while there are some incidental inmate moves occurring, regular statewide inmate movement has not been reinstated or resumed in any way. Please keep in mind that not all regions of the state are in the same Phase of reopening, so while there may be talk in the facilities about preparing to resume inmate movement, it has not yet happened, nor has DOCCS indicated a time frame for that to happen.

Meanwhile, I will continue to address the concerns of the membership with DOCCS and will advocate on their behalf to resume reassignments and promotions in the most expeditious and safest way possible.