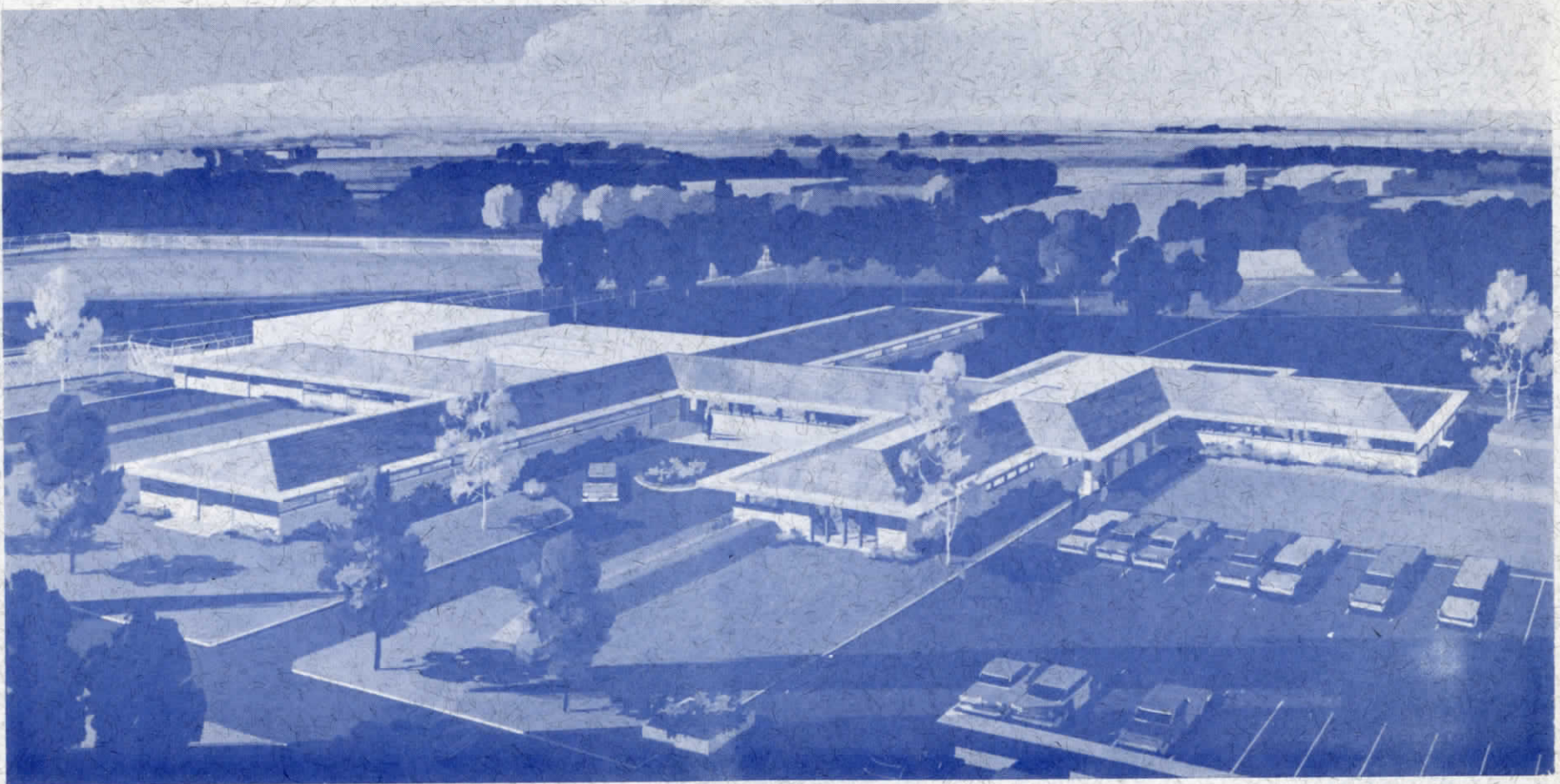


# MARION COUNTY JUVENILE COURT CENTER



MARION COUNTY  
Salem, Oregon  
1963





**HONORABLE JOSEPH B. FELTON**

Circuit Judge, Department of Domestic Relations  
Since August 2, 1951

Graduate Willamette University  
with A.B. and LLB Degrees, 1933.

Marion County Deputy District Attorney—1935-40.

Marion County District Judge—1947-51.

Fellow, Pennsylvania Mason Juvenile Court Institute—1959.

President, National Council of Juvenile Court Judges—1963.

Willamette University Alumni Citation  
for Outstanding Achievements—1960.

**To the Citizens of Marion County:**

This splendid building, which has been under construction for over a year in the Capital of Oregon, will be a model for other counties that will be planning detention facilities, and one which the people of Marion County will be proud.

It is functional but not fancy or elaborate. It is a building that is adequate for present and future needs, but so designed that expansion to enlarge the present capacity can be effected at a minimum cost.

The design lends itself extremely well to economy in staffing and efficiency of operation.

It will provide an effective tool for your Juvenile Court to deal with the community's errant youth for it will enable the Court to develop a full and complete program which will give the child who must be detained a constructive detention experience. This experience will be a positive one that will insure a consistency of handling from time of referral to termination.

I wish to express my appreciation and that of the staff of the Juvenile Department, to the Board of County Commissioners, the members of the Juvenile Court Advisory Council, the many other organizations and individuals, and all of the people of Marion County, whose interest and support made this fine facility possible.

**JOSEPH B. FELTON**  
Juvenile Court Judge

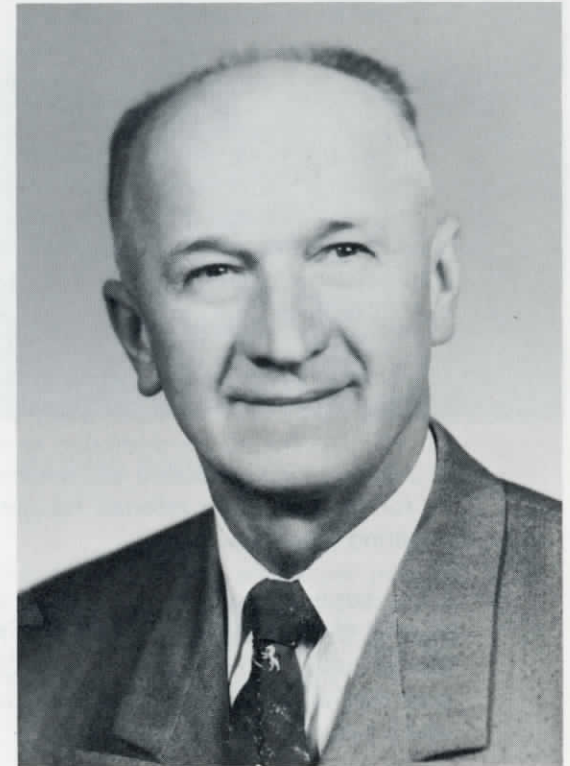
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# MARION COUNTY JUVENILE COURT HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY

The Juvenile Court in Marion County, Oregon, as established by law, has a two-fold responsibility consisting of rehabilitative and protective services to youth and the overall protection of society. In philosophy, both of these responsibilities are essential to one another. In fulfilling these goal-directed responsibilities the Juvenile Court Judge utilizes the Juvenile Department as his administrative arm. The Juvenile Department in its functional organization provides social services to the Court through its staff's roles of individualized diagnostic case histories; group and casework services to youth under supervision; and a secure group living situation for children in need of such care.

Historically and even in many parts of the country today, communities, not unlike Marion County, have had no special or separate facilities for handling those youth needing secure custody. In 1954 our present Court House was constructed with separate quarters for the detained youth, as part of the jail facilities.

Mrs. Nona White, who served as Marion County Juvenile Probation Officer for over 30 years prior to her retirement in 1953 and during her dedicated service helped thousands of children, long advocated and dreamed of a separate facility for those children referred for getting into trouble and requiring detention.

In 1951 the late Douglas McKay, then Governor of the State of Oregon, appointed Joseph B. Felton, Marion County District Judge, to the Marion County Circuit Court to preside over the newly created Department of Domestic Relations, which included the Juvenile Court.

Under Judge Felton's leadership and direction a thorough study was made of the court services to Marion County youth; and as a result of these efforts, the voters of Marion County in November 1960, by a two-year serial levy, authorized funds for construction of a separate facility housing all services pertaining to youth. This model structure was planned to cover maximum needs for these services to the Court; namely, (1) the detention of youth, (2) social investigation services for Court disposition, (3) counseling of youth placed under the supervision of the Department by the Court, and (4) consultation to the community on the handling of Court-related problems in the prevention stage and the supporting of programs to further this end.

However, this physical structure so carefully planned and constructed cannot solve Marion County's juvenile needs alone. To intervene in the lives of these youth, and meet their individual needs, a sufficient number of specially-trained staff must be maintained to make early discovery and treatment effective.

The functions of the Department, although broken down into organizational categories for sake of clarity and definition, are not viewed as separate, independent, processes but must in practice be thought of as each serving an essential part of a continuum of treatment orientation processes of rehabilitation from first contact to termination.

The citizens of this county who are really concerned with the problems of youth in the community, must continually support this project and urge that succeeding public officials or officers provide the funds and leadership necessary to make this facility a real treatment center.

# THE NEW BUILDING

The entrance to the building brings us to the spacious, well-designed and strategically located reception area. Here, persons with courteous dignity can be directed to the service which is provided by the Court and its personnel.



**RECEPTION DESK**



**WAITING ROOM**

The waiting room is so located that only those persons who are to appear in Court are seated in this section. It is brightly colored, lending itself to practical comfort by its design and furnishings. It is strategically located near the hearing room so there is a minimum of confusion.





### HEARING ROOM

The hearing room is designed with the purpose and intent of function clearly in mind. There is an atmosphere of importance and dignity, allowing for friendly informality. The focus of attention is commanded by the carefully designed hearing table.



### COUNSELING OFFICE

Each counselor has the privacy of individual office and interview rooms. It is here for the most part, that the counselor directs and redefines the goals and attitudes of those on supervision, so that they might be helped to make a better adjustment to society, and become useful, productive citizens of the community.



### CONTROL ROOM AND LIVING ROOM

Detention has a two-fold purpose. To protect the community from the child and to protect the child from himself, his environment and even, on occasion, from the community. The detention experience must be the beginning of a positive relationship with the Juvenile Court which is conducive to an ongoing, ever strengthened relationship with the Court and counseling functions. The control room is the focal point of the detention's structural scheme. From here there is maximum visual supervision.



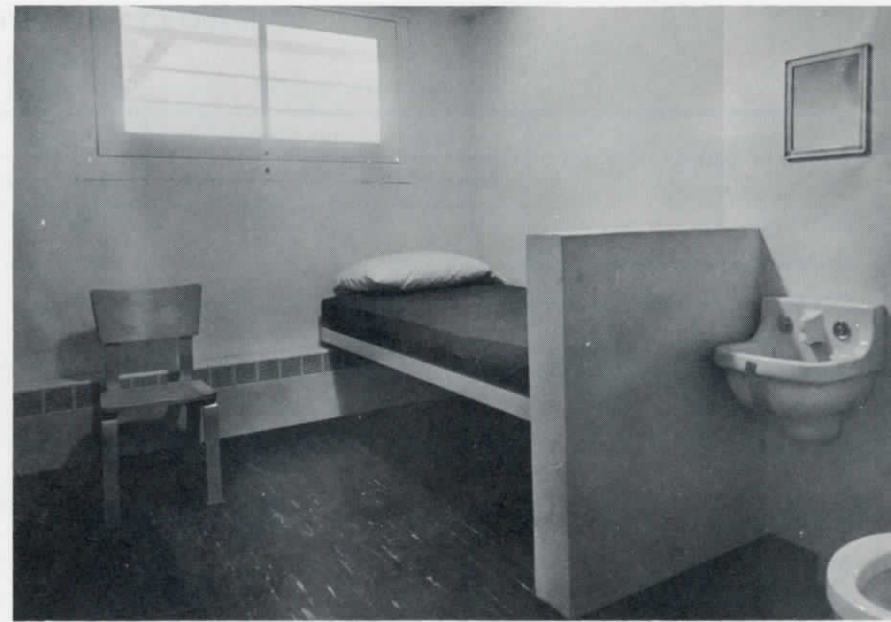
### ALL-PURPOSE ROOM

The all-purpose room is designed to provide for active team sports, as well as individual activities where space and facilities will allow for legitimate release of physical energy. The equipment was donated by the Active 20-30 Club.



### SCHOOL ROOM

Since education is considered of vital importance for our youth, the class room, in conjunction with other facilities, will allow for a full academic program, primarily of a remedial nature, giving special attention to the strengths and weaknesses of the individual. Furnishings were donated by the Salem Women's Club.



### INDIVIDUAL SLEEPING ROOM

It is very important that there be some place in detention in which the individual can identify, and feel that he can go to when he feels the need to remove himself from the group to permit solace in meditation and privacy in thought around his problems. The individual sleeping room can provide this personal refuge. The local Zenith Club and Alpha Xi Delta Sorority each donated the furnishing for one of these rooms.



### HOMEMAKING ROOM

The homemaking room provides laundry and other facilities for the care of personal clothing. Also, through the donations of the Rotanna Club, we have the equipment which will allow for the instruction of sewing and other domestic skills.



### LIBRARY AND READING ROOM

Beta Sigma Phi donated the furnishings for the Library and Reading Room.



DELINQUENCY AND DEPENDENCY STATISTICS — 1955-1962

(Excludes Traffic Violations)

TYPE OF DELINQUENCY ACT	1955		1956		1957		1958		1959		1960		1961		1962	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Auto Theft .....	11		32	3	27		47	4	45		52	1	59	6	49	1
Burglary or Unlawful Entry .....	15		40	3	52		41	2	61	6	51	1	55	2	68	5
Robbery .....					14		5		6	3	8		4	1	3	
Other Theft .....	27	4	70	6	72	8	130	7	84	15	136	26	155	27	151	35
Truancy .....	29	4	18	11	18	6	44	9	72	19	50	26	31	13	39	20
Run Away .....	35	33	60	22	48	23	71	55	101	83	113	55	69	75	82	72
Incorrigible .....	21	15	21	26	18	8	42	21	35	24	26	17	11	9	23	19
Sex Offense .....	5	7	3	4	8		6		7	3	14	5	3	4	23	4
Injury to Person .....	3		6		2		6	1	12	6	10	1	3		15	2
Act of Carelessness or Mischief .....	20	3	35	2	20	28	30	1	66		78	1	67	4	107	3
Other Delinquent Behavior .....	180	30	147	38	204	21	199	65	275	57	345	58	408	88	424	107
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>346</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>268</b>
Total Delinquency Cases .....	442		547		577		786		980		1074		1094		1252	
Total Dependency and Neglect Cases .....	180		129		225		456		334		223		345		458	
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>622</b>		<b>676</b>		<b>802</b>		<b>1242</b>		<b>1314</b>		<b>1297</b>		<b>1439</b>		<b>1710</b>	

DETENTION STATISTICS 1962

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL *
Daily Average Population .....	5.9	2.6	8.4
Number of Days Care .....	2137	971	3108
Maximum Detained in One Day .....	15	8	18
Average Length of Stay .....	8.1	6.7	7
Age Distribution .....			
12	1	0	1
13	12	4	16
14	43	25	68
15	86	37	123
16	87	25	112
17	91	28	119
18	0	1	1
19	1	0	1
20	0	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>442</b>

COMPARATIVE DETENTION STATISTICS 1955-1961

YEAR	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
1955	143	82	225
1956	203	64	267
1957	264	67	331
1958	313	94	407
1959	310	97	407
1960	285	67	352
1961	327	104	431

\* Averages for Male and Female Combined



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Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce  
Salem Post 136, American Legion  
Active 20-30 Club  
Armed Forces Color GuardSalem Zenith Club  
City Council Beta Sigma Phi  
Alpha Xi Delta Sorority Alumni  
Salem Business & Professional Women  
Salem Rotanna Club  
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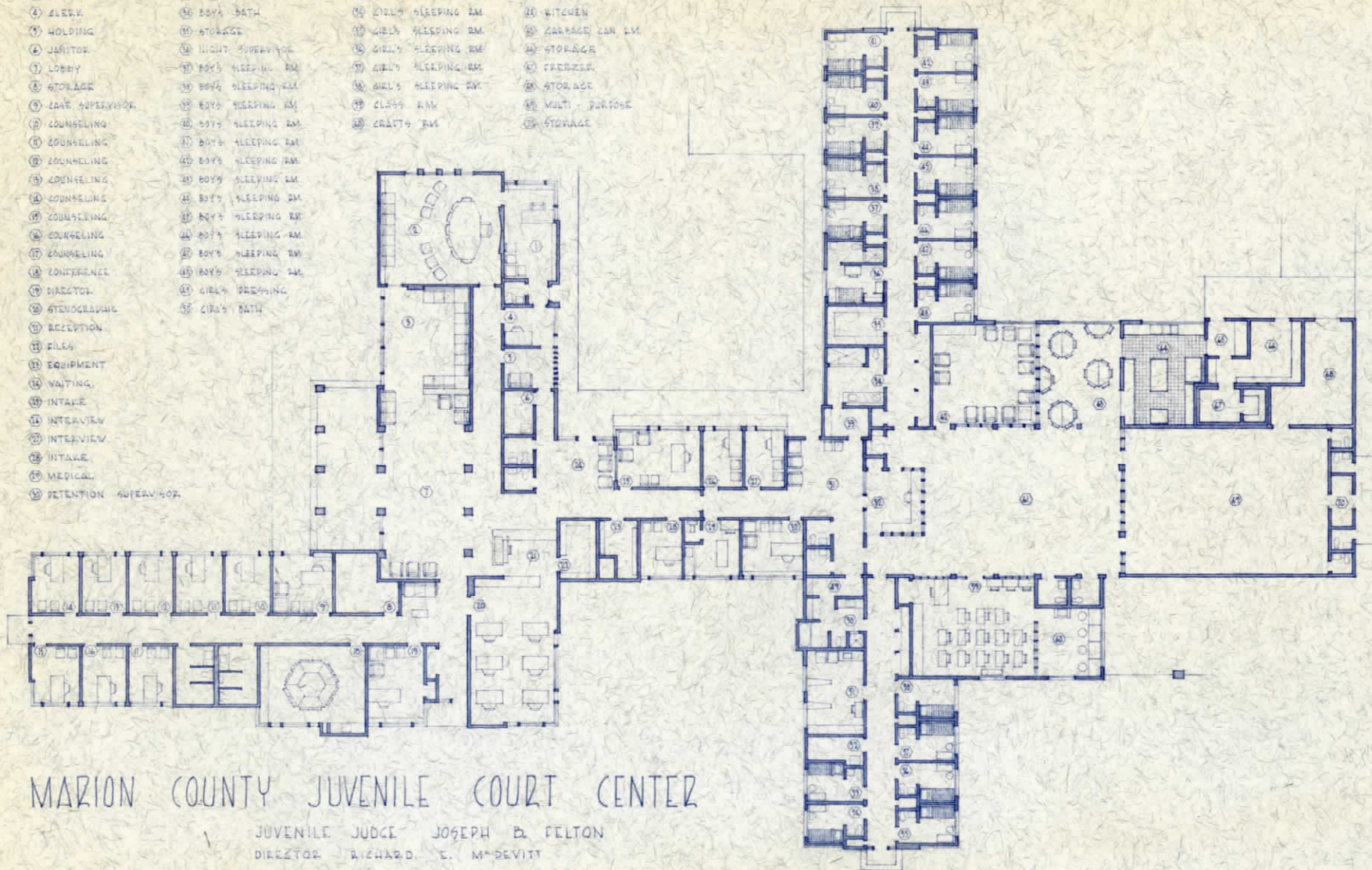
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**PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM**

Mitchell Radio &amp; Television



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| ② HEARING ROOM         | ⑪ CONTROL           | ⑳ JUVENILE           | ㉑ LIBRARY       |
| ③ WAITING              | ⑫ BOYS' DRESSING    | ㉑ GIRLS' SLEEPING RM | ㉒ DINING RM     |
| ④ ELEVATOR             | ⑬ BOYS' BATH        | ㉒ GIRLS' SLEEPING RM | ㉓ KITCHEN       |
| ⑤ HOLDING              | ⑭ STORAGE           | ㉓ GIRLS' SLEEPING RM | ㉔ GARAGE CAR RM |
| ⑥ JANITOR              | ⑮ NIGHT SUPERVISOR  | ㉔ GIRLS' SLEEPING RM | ㉕ STORAGE       |
| ⑦ LOBBY                | ⑯ BOYS' SLEEPING RM | ㉕ GIRLS' SLEEPING RM | ㉖ FREEZER       |
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| ⑨ CARE SUPERVISOR      | ⑱ BOYS' SLEEPING RM | ㉗ CLASS RM           | ㉘ MULTI-PURPOSE |
| ⑩ COUNSELING           | ⑲ BOYS' SLEEPING RM | ㉘ CRAFTS RM          | ㉙ STORAGE       |
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| ⑰ CONFERENCE           | ㉖ GIRLS' DRESSING   |                      |                 |
| ⑱ DIRECTOR             | ㉗ GIRLS' BATH       |                      |                 |
| ㉑ STENOGRAPHIC         |                     |                      |                 |
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| ㉛ RETENTION SUPERVISOR |                     |                      |                 |



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