



Education, Treatment, and Programming Space Expansion

Minnesota Correctional Facility –
Rush City



Why Expand?

- The prison in Rush City was built to be single-bunked and without sufficient programming space.
- Today, it is double-bunked – meaning double capacity. It has a critical shortage of available classroom, treatment and programming space.
- Rush City is a ‘maximum’ security prison.
 - Those incarcerated there are high risk – and high-need for services.
- 30% of men there are “warehoused,” on idle status and not participating in programming.
 - This creates worse public safety outcomes and unsafe conditions for all who are incarcerated and work at the prison.



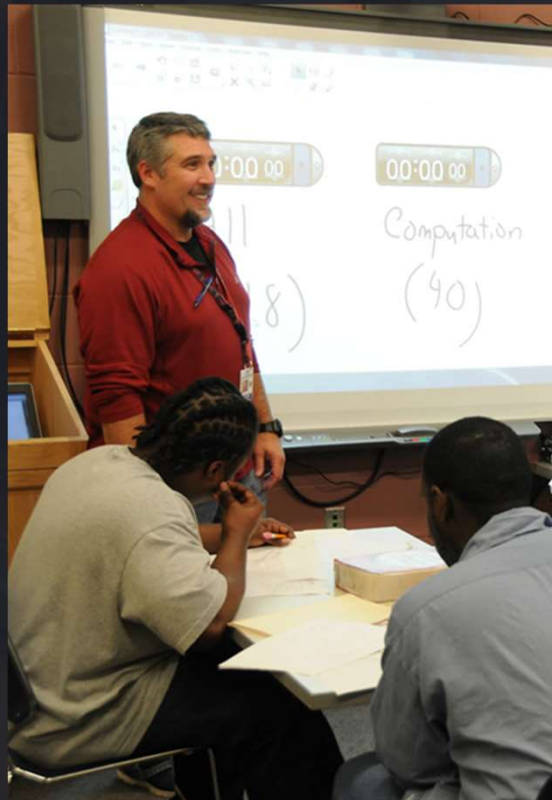
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Over 200 men incarcerated at Rush City do not have a high school diploma or GED, a required service of the DOC.



There is almost no higher education able to be offered, **preventing meaningful use of Pell eligibility** for those incarcerated at Rush City.



The **enormous racial disparities** in our criminal justice are prominently clear at Rush City; 55% of individuals incarcerated there are black, 7% are Native American.



Implementation of the Minnesota Rehabilitation and Reinvestment Act (**MRRA**) requires expanded, transformative programming.

Community Impacts



95% of those who are incarcerated will return to our communities.



73% of those who are incarcerated are parents. When they attain a higher education, their kids are more likely to as well.



Post-secondary education is proven to lower recidivism levels.

