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Dear Judge Duffy et al.,

We had a good discussion with Defendants on Tuesday but are somewhat skeptical that the parties can complete this process without input from the Monitors and Mediator.

Attached is the current version of the Settlement Agreement with all known issues.

We still have not received any proposed “phase in”, but Defendants have indicated that they would get that to us today. After we have a chance to see what, if anything, in the proposal affects the Settlement Agreement, we will respond about what is agreeable as soon as possible.

We would like to schedule a meeting, or at least a call, for all remaining issues next Thursday, March 24 between 10:30 am and 5 pm, which are the last day and times this month the Monitors are available to meet together with the parties.

We all need to finalize the Settlement Agreement now, for the system and for the children.

Most respectfully,

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Whit The defense team is not available to meet in person next week. We hope that we can resolve the remaining issues without the need for a meeting, but if a meeting is necessary, it will need to be either March 30 or 31. The defense team can be available either of these dates.

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Counselors,

Judge Duffy has asked that I write you all to determine where we stand after the parties' meeting on Tuesday, March 15. He would be delighted to learn that you all reached a final agreement on Tuesday. However, if you did not, he has noticed that several potential dates have been discussed for an in-person meeting with Director Alford, including March 21, 24, 30, and 31. As the first two dates are next week, he would like to know if the parties have agreed to a meeting date. His schedule can accommodate any of those dates, and he is happy to conduct the meeting in chambers or in Columbia. If someone could respond and inform us of the parties' current understanding, that would be much appreciated. I hope that you all have a great weekend.

Best regards,
Whit



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