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**SCHOOLS ARE DROP-OUT FACTORIES**
(December 9, 2007) A columnist for the Providence Journal reported researchers at Johns Hopkins University found that one-in-five high schools in the US graduate fewer than sixty percent of their students. One in ten schools graduates fewer than fifty percent. The press has dubbed these schools "dropout factories."

**"LOCKDOWN" ENTERS PUBLIC SCHOOL LEXICON**
(December 9, 2007) The Boston Herald reported that while the term "lockdown" used to refer to prisons, it now is also being used for public schools when there is a threat of violence.

**PERKINS RESIGNS IN MARYLAND**
(December 13, 2007) Numerous articles have appeared concerning Chris Perkins, who was being considered for a state level appointment in Maryland. He resigned from his position as head of Victor Cullen Center for juvenile offenders in Maryland following the public release of a "Statement of Licensing deficiencies" report on a program Perkins had previously run in Montana, Swan Valley Youth Academy. Links to the various articles and documents can be found at the link provided online.

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**SOLTREKS NEW DIRECTOR**
(October 31, 2007) Lorri Hanna, MA, CTRS, Co-Founder of Soltreks, Two Harbors, MN, 218-834-4607, announced Mark Gordon is the new Director of Soltreks. Mark was previously program coordinator and director of a residential treatment center, where he helped develop wilderness program policies/ procedures to meet industry and state licensing standards.

**MENNINGER HOSTS EDUCATION EVENTS**
(November 20, 2007) Menninger Clinic, Houston, TX, 800-351-9058, will host two continuing education events in early 2008. A one-day eating disorders conference will be held at Menninger on February 22, 2008, and March 28 a national symposium on borderline personality disorder will be held at Menninger affiliate, Baylor College of Medicine. For more information, contact Stephanie Cunningham, 713-275-5039.

**DISCOVERY SCHOOL OPENS GIRLS PROGRAM**
(November 20, 2007) Chris Yates, Director of the Discovery School, Dillwyn, VA, 434-983-5616, announced the opening of a separate program for girls: The Discovery School of Virginia for Girls. This program opened on September 10, 2007, with a current enrollment of 5 girls from Virginia, Maryland and New York.

