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Q1 Please share any comments, suggestions or concerns you may have about these agencies, including any observations about the way the agency shares information online. Please note your responses will be posted online and may be included in a Committee report.

Corrections, Department of

Certified teachers at many prisons are not being paid what the law says. If a teacher can work 10 months rather than twelve months and still make more money at any other school district in the state, why would they want to work in a prison? It's no wonder they can't fill the positions. It almost seems like someone in the agency is trying to undermine the school district. Also, teachers at all the prisons used to get paid what they are supposed to, but a few years ago they cut the pay of the teachers in the adult Ed prisons even though there are high school students there that the teachers are teaching. Is that legal? There is also at least one person who was hired for an adult Ed school and even though he doesn't have a secondary certificate like the application says you have to have, he's getting the whole teacher salary. It seems like anyone who doesn't have the right certificate should never even get an interview, but he's getting somebody else's paycheck. Where did the money to pay him come from because it wasn't there for that job before he got there? And why can't the rest of the teachers, especially those who are actually qualified and experienced, get the same pay? This just looks like corruption, and it makes it even harder for the rest of the teachers and their families who are not getting what they deserve. Where is all the money that the district is supposed to have to pay teachers to provide instruction? If somebody in the agency is moving money around to pay their friends or family for a job they're not qualified to do, it makes you wonder what other money they've moved around for their little pet projects and friends. One of those presentation slides says there are over 190 positions in the school district. Are there really, or did someone take those too? That seems like a big number. If this agency cares about recidivism and the well-being of the human beings it's responsible for, it needs to make sure that teachers have the classroom space they need to teach all of the classes required, based on the number of students of whatever category, and that all of the teachers are getting paid at least the state minimum. And it needs to look into who is using their undue influence to get their unqualified friends and family members jobs they don't qualify for.

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Q2 What is your age?	55-64 years old
Q3 Which best describes your current role?	Former State employee
Q4 In which county do you live?	Respondent skipped this question