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Subject: FW: Reference Memo for Addendum

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Ms. Leshar, I shared the memorandum from Ms. Manriquez reference Pima College's request for funding with my Corrections Chief Scott Lowing and my Financial Chief Officer Julia Gates and here are there observations...

From Chief Lowing...

A review/summary of Pima Community College's use in our Jail:

- DEMAND - In the past two years approximately 100 per month, or 1200 per year, inmates "request" services.
- Capacity - The 907 square foot shared classroom accommodates 24 students. (Rent free) 12 classes per week.
- Staffing limitations, along with other programs limit the amount of additional class space and or class times.
- Pod officers and escort teams are all affected by this and all of them are affected 12 times a week for at least half an hour every time an inmate goes to class.

From Chief Gates...

The written statement contains generalities and not supported by facts. You are correct in your statement below that they did not provide data supporting their position.

- They state "on site free GED Testing" but are requesting \$170k annually for this "free" service.
- They state 2800 educational requests since July 2025 including 1700 specifically for GED Services. These are requests, not actual inmates served.
- 16 of 365 days per year for testing reflects only 4% testing done during course of the year.
- 150 GED tests administered, how many passed and how many continued?



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