



United States Senate

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BILL NELSON
FLORIDA

January 24, 2013

Governor Rick Scott
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Governor Scott:

Through permits issued by the Florida Division of Historical Resources, a group of University of South Florida (USF) researchers are investigating 50 gravesites and almost 100 deaths at the now-defunct Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys in Marianna, Florida. Their investigation comes on the heels of years of abuse and mistreatment allegations at the school. The USF findings released just two months ago also point to more grave sites than previously identified in a Florida Department of Law Enforcement investigative report.

For the sake of those who died and the family members still living, I respectfully ask that you direct the Division of Historical Resources to re-issue permits to the USF researchers that run at least until July 9, 2013 – the date of the stipulated injunction filed with the Circuit Court of Leon County regarding the sale of the former school grounds.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please feel free to contact Clint Odom in my office at 202-224-5274 with any questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.