Monday, July 8, detainees at Catahoula Cor- 
jection Center (CCC) refused to go back into 
the dorms from the prison yard. When officers 
tried to escort them back inside, they sat down 
 to protest until they talked to someone with the 
Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Warden Sherman Ford notified Chief War-
den Pat Book with LaSalle Management, Sheriff 
Toney Edwards and ICE of the incident.

Once Book and Edwards arrived at CCC, a 
spokesperson for the detainees expressed their 
complaints. Detainees were not satisfied with 
the amount of food or type of food served at 
CCC. They also complained because toilets did 
not have partitions up for privacy. Their most 
urgent request was to talk to an ICE agent.

About 75 of the 240 detainees were involved 
in the protest. Some of them were under the 
impression they would be transferred immedi-
ately from CCC to the airport and wanted things 
explained to them.

The menu was not change at CCC. Detainees 
were told everyone gets the same amount and 
type of food. One change made was immigrants 
who had previous experience working in the 
kitchen are now helping prepare meals. The 
Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was 
passed by congress in 2003 to help fund train-
ing. PREA also requires petitions between toi-
lets in prisons. Warden Ford was already in the 
process of getting CCC within the guidelines.

Normal ICE policy will meet with detainees 
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