Timeline of Branson's Response to Historical Sexual Misconduct

2018

May: Three alumnae from the 1970's approach the Head of School describing the abuse they experienced by their (former) Branson soccer coach.

Branson hires law firm Covington & Burling to do an outside, independent investigation into the allegations of abuse.

2019

June: Branson announces the investigation to the community.

October: Branson rolls out new Protocol for Responding to Suspected Sexual Abuse of Branson Students

August: Alumni Therapy Support Fund established.

2020

April: The Covington Report is released documenting abuse by four former faculty/staff members.

2021

January: A survivor approaches Branson's Head of School and Board about forming a Healing and Reconciliation Circle.

2022

August: The Branson Healing and Reconciliation Circle is initiated, facilitated by Dr. JuanCarlos Arauz.

August & October: Branson Healing and Reconciliation Circle invites broader community participation.

September: Annual all-school trainings resume for the prevention of sexual abuse and misconduct.

September: Community program for Prevention of Sexual Abuse and Harassment presented by Vanessa Osage.

2023

January: Reparations work commences.

November: Branson engages Learning Courage as an educational partner.

2024

March: Branson administrators and survivor Whitney Pinger '78 present the work of the Healing Circle at the annual National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) conference.

February: Branson Legacy Project/Events Planning Committee is established.

2025

April: "Acknowledging Branson's History and Healing Legacy" brings together survivors with current students and faculty/staff to learn about the history, honor the legacy, engage in a healing ceremony, and share in an art exhibit.

Fall: Planning begins for on-campus, permanent installation to acknowledge the legacy of abuse at Branson, honor the courage of the survivors, and serve as a space for ongoing reflection.

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