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Conference to Fix Start Of State School Program

A date for a start in construction of the first of six buildings in a \$7,000,000 construction and expansion program at Willowbrook State School, will be set Monday when state architects and engineers confer with contractors at the Island school, it was announced today.

Dr. Harold H. Berman, the school's director, said state officials will confer with representatives of the Maran Construction Company, Manhattan, to complete preliminary arrangements for construction of a \$800,000 infirmary-dormitory, one of six scheduled for Willowbrook.

The building, which will be patterned on present dormitories at the school, will be built between Buildings 11 and 13 in the southwest sector of the Willowbrook tract. The other five structures are of new design.

A start in construction of the first building will mark the end of more than three years of blueprint studies and specification planning between state architects and officials of the Department of Mental Hygiene, including the school's administrators.

As the studies neared an end the entire project was held up briefly by Gov. Harriman's moratorium on capital construction, but the building program was given a green light Jan. 21 by state budget director Dean Appleby.

The CDE Air-Conditioning Company of Brooklyn was the low bidder on a \$5,155 refrigeration job at the Willowbrook State School, the state Department of Public Works announced today in Albany. Only one other bid was submitted.