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### Willowbrook Will Get Funds to Rehire Staff

An increase in expenditures for the State Department of Mental Hygiene, announced yesterday by Governor Rockefeller, will permit the Willowbrook State School on Staten Island to rehire at least half the personnel it lost due to attrition in the last year, Willowbrook's director said last night.

The director, Dr. Jack Hammond, said that since December, 1970, a budget freeze had forced a staff reduction from 3,492 to 2,716, while the load of patients remained around 5,200.

"The freeze has been devastating," said Dr. Hammond. "The Governor's announcement is the most helpful news I've heard in a long time."