

Hammond Leaving State School

Dr. Jack Hammond, director of Willowbrook State School for the Mentally Retarded on Staten Island since 1964, is leaving to become director of the Rome State School.

The announcement, issued yesterday by State Commissioner of Mental Hygiene Alan Miller, made no mention of last fall's charges of poor care, deplorable conditions and inadequate staff at Willowbrook.

But a Dept. of Mental Hygiene spokesman said afterward, in answer to a transfer was not a result of the Willowbrook criticism.

Miller said Hammond had expressed a personal desire to return to the Rome State School, where he served as assistant clinical director for five years before his assignment to Willowbrook.

Dr. Miodrag Ristiz, presently the deputy director at Willowbrook, will take over as acting director.