

Stein sees no change at Willowbrook

Assemblyman Andrew Stein today charged that conditions at the Willowbrook State School have shown "no visible improvement" since January and said the lack of adequate personnel was "critical."

The Manhattan Democrat said in remarks for a news conference at the school that plans for improvements have been made but that the state had fallen behind in its timetable for implementing them.

Stein called on Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller to visit the Staten Island institution for the mentally retarded and offer a "firm pledge" that the state will make the improvements.

He said an investigation by his office disclosed that an average of 10 residents a day suffer lacerations requiring stitches and that in some wards one attendant has to care for 60 or more patients.

Many residents have little or no clothing and every adult ward has some broken toilets, he said. In a children's ward, he said, the investigators found patients were forced to lie on a bare concrete floor.

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