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Harry L. Goldberg, President
Parents Group
Western State School
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Dear Harry:

Thank you for your letter of November 19. I want to assure you that I am concerned about the Western State School volunteer service programs and the poor judgement that resulted in the partial distribution of spoiled candy at Western. In fact, I keep a large box of that candy in my office to remind me what can happen when we are not vigilant.

As to your suggestion, "... that the present volunteer coordinator be relieved of all responsibilities ...", I have instructed the superintendent to conduct a full investigation and take whatever action appears to be appropriate, but at a minimum, resulting in an official letter of reprimand.

A word of caution, and as we discussed, given the present system I am very doubtful that anything beyond the letter of reprimand will get through the system and stick. You might note that at no time did I suggest only a letter of reprimand. I will support the superintendent in whatever action he intends to take.

Best personal wishes,

C.A. Peters
Commissioner of Mental Retardation

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cc: Mr. Norman Taylor
Mrs. Ginny Thornburgh