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Mrs. Helen Wohlgemuth
Secretary of the Dept of ^{WELFARE} Public Welfare
Dear Mrs. Wohlgemuth

I find I can
not remain silent and must
show my disapproval of your
dismissal of Dr. James M. McCalland

I think this dismissal is
unwarranted, unfair & unjust
not only to Dr. McCalland, but
to the Employers and most of
all to the Residents of Polk
State School. He devoted 33 years
of his life to their care. Their
welfare was his first concern,
no resident was ever treated
any way but the best if Dr.
McCalland could in any way
prevent it.

"Play Pens"
As far as the
are concerned I knew
about them, saw them almost

Daily. I never never saw a
resident punished by putting
them in the pen. They were put
in the pen as I have placed
my daughter & Grandchildren
for protection. I have been there
when boys have asked to be put
in the pen with his toys away
for the others. Did you ever
try to put a puzzle to gether
or play with a ~~trunk~~ ^{trunk} &
therefore would be annoy to you?

I know these things because
I worked at Polk State School
& Hospital for 22 years. I think
Mrs. Wohlgemuth if you really
wanted to find out about
the treatment of residents,
their activities - anything?
the thing that happen at Polk
State School. Maybe you
should work there - say
about a week. Maybe
some P. A. R. C. members.

might do the same. They
cant - or dont want to care
for their own - maybe a few
hard working view would be
beneficial. I've seen many
children admitted forgotten
or neglected.

I taught at Falk 22 years
The Activities programs are
outstanding. I could visit any
building at any time and believe
me I'd recognize neglect or abuse
I saw instead love, compassion
and employees trying to help parents
to far too many children but
giving them a lot of care

I have visited school all
over the state and none in
my opinion were given the
care and training that we were
giving under the guidance of
Dr. McChilland.

I think all should say a
prayer that it wont be

his or her child or grandchild
that will loose if this man
is allowed to leave.

Only by the grace of God it is
not me or mine that need
his care - This applies to all
of us, doesn't it.

Sincerely

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