

The Home and School Association
of the Southbury Training School
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April 28, 2013

Terrence W. Macy, Ph.D.
Commissioner
Department of Developmental Services
460 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Commissioner Macy:

I am writing on behalf of the Home & School Association of Southbury Training School (“H&S”), which, as you know, is a nonprofit organization comprised of family members, guardians and friends of the residents of the Southbury Training School (“STS”), in connection with the letter I sent you on Friday, April 26. As you know, in that letter I requested that your department work together with us to identify a suitable individual to represent the views and interests of family members and guardians of STS residents on the task force recently created by that Governor Dannel Malloy to plan for the future uses and maintenance of the land and buildings at STS.

It just came to my attention that the task force is to include a family member or guardian of a resident of STS or a resident of STS. While we believe that having a resident of STS on the task force might enable that individual to express his or her views, any resident who could do so would not be representative of the level of disability suffered by most residents of STS and might well not be able properly to convey their needs or the views of their families and guardians. We therefore respectfully request that if a resident is to be made a member of the task force there should also be a family member or guardian on the task force in order to ensure that the needs of as broad a portion of the STS population be represented.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

s/Martha M. Dwyer

Martha M. Dwyer
President

cc: The Honorable Dannel P. Malloy, Governor
The Honorable Arthur J. O’Neill, State Representative
The Honorable Ed Edelson, First Selectman, Town of Southbury