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COMMISSIONER
Adelaide Horn

September 26, 2008

Ms. Beth Mitchell
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Re: Your Letter of September 2, 2008

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

Thank you for your observations identified in the above-referenced letter.

As you may know, DADS is implementing extensive plans of improvement at all state mental retardation facilities. Since these plans of improvement address many of the concerns you identify in your letter, I do not feel it is necessary for us to meet at this time. I do, however, encourage you to continue to apprise me, whether formally or informally, of issues you identify from your visits to state schools.

We are in the process of gathering incident reports, staffing levels, and guardianship information, which we will provide to you as soon as possible.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Lorri Haden, State School Attorney, is serving as the lead staff on this matter and can be reached by phone at 512-438-5485 or by e-mail at lorri.haden@dads.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adelaide Horn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "H".

Adelaide Horn
Commissioner

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