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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

It is very important that Dyslexia Therapists continue to get licensure.

Without licensure anyone can claim to "know" how to teach students with dyslexia. Before licensure was required many dyslexic students were experiencing failure all through elementary, middle, and high school. For many dyslexic students college/university was another place to fail.

Anyone can claim to have had training, but without licensure you cannot verify whether a person has the training to properly teach dyslexic students.

Licensure means you have studied, been observed, and mentored for at least 600 hours or more. You have taken all kinds of test.

Before licensure was required many unqualified professionals were claiming to have the knowledge and training. They did not. Students already suffer with knowing they cannot read and write as well as their peers. These students did not become confident readers and writers. Many dyslexic students continued to fail.

The worst part was parents were frustrated and upset. Parents did not understand why their child could not read or write after years of therapy. The charlatans who claimed to be therapists were hurting qualified dyslexia therapists and impeding students' efforts.

Licensure is very important and I support licensure 100%.

Not requiring licensure would be a step backwards for teachers, parents, students, and politicians. Did we not learn from what it was like before licensure was required. Without licensure students will experience failure and become

dysfunctional adults in society.

Is that what you want for our children and grandchildren.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Decreasing the cost of professional hours and licensure.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree