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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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City: Pleasanton

State: Texas

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

I support having a Dyslexia Therapist License. If kept, it should be made a requirement for districts to employ therapists to service their Dyslexic students.

As it stands right now you have a License, but districts are not required to use Dyslexia Therapists to work with their students. So many districts simply do not provide that service, but use lesser qualified teachers to work with this population of students.

I am eligible for the DT license since I am a Certified Language Therapist, but I have not applied for two reasons.

1) I hold the Nationally recognized CALT title and have to pay for that each year. The DT would be an additional 80 per year (160 per 2) for the Texas License. That means I would have to spend \$155.00 each year to keep both Licenses.

I am not going to do that because of the second reason.

2) My district doesn't employ me as a Dyslexia Therapist, but as a regular classroom teacher, and that is the salary scale I am paid under. My job responsibilities include providing Dyslexia services.

I talk with many parents about their students. From what I hear them say and what I see going on within my own district, those places that have hired Dyslexia Therapists have students with Dyslexia who are continuing to gain ground and do well.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Keep the license, make it a requirement for any person providing Dyslexia Services. A Dyslexia Therapist and a Speech Language Pathologist and fairly equivalent in their level of training and services provided. An SLP works with the spoken word, and a CALT/DT works with the written word.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree