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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Why in the world would you get rid of licensing unless it means nothing! Teachers have to be certified to teach so why shouldn't therapist be licensed? No child should have a substandard education. You're going to tell me that you are going to give a child a therapist who may or may not be educated enough to teach him or her? Then I should be able to do it myself. Why don't I? Because I don't know how! If it was that easy no child would need to go to therapy. Isn't that why there are classes and degrees on the subject? You can't take a student who struggles every day in reading and expect them to get over it or teach themselves. Dyslexics need more than mild intervention or to have a therapist who really doesn't understand them or is learning right alongside of them. Would you stand for this in a math class, English class, or any major course? No, you wouldn't and dyslexics shouldn't be the low man in a hierarchy that could develop brilliant thinkers. If you don't think what you do is worth it then by all means diminish what you do and make it less important. A teacher without a teaching certificate eventually gets fired. Why is it that just anybody can teach our dyslexic children and not be held accountable or to a higher standard? Dyslexics don't need band aid therapy. They need someone who will go all the way to do whatever they can to help them succeed. Parents need to know the therapist instructing their children to improve their lives is qualified. Therapy shouldn't be a waste of time. Your education shouldn't be a waste of time. Parents shouldn't think their children are wasting their time. Set yourselves apart, make it meaningful, and give people proof that you've accomplished what is necessary for students to succeed.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I the school districts would up the pay for those who are licensed.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree