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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

First Name: Glynda

Last Name: Chaney

Title: Aunt to a patient at Richmond State School and a concerned citizen of Texas

Organization you are affiliated with: Richmond State School

City: Houston

State: Texas

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

I strongly recommend that Richmond State School and other state schools remain open. The care given to the patients or clients of these schools is excellent and would be much more preferable than the care the patients would receive in group homes.

The staff at Richmond State School are professionals who give quality care to these disabled people. I have personally seen the care given these children and adults when I have visited my nephew who resides there. It would be unfortunate to close this facility leaving many families worried and concerned about their relative's future physical and mental issues at an unknown "group home". Medical concerns are of great importance and at the state schools It is always available at a moment's notice.

Please reconsider the closing of the State schools. It is so important that they remain open for the care of our disabled citizens.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: If more information were given to Texas' schools, teachers, medical professionals, and administrators who recommend placement of disabled individuals, perhaps the problems could be solved, and attendance increase if more people were aware of the State Homes' existence. Year over year, the problem of autism has grown exponentially, and as these patients grow and age, there has to be a place where they can be cared for properly and professionally. If the above-mentioned organizations and groups would "advertise" the availability of care at State schools, the option of closing them would be dismissed.

Thank you for listening to me.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree