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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Diane

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Title: Parent & Former Teacher

Organization you are affiliated with: Parent of child with dyslexia in Richardson ISD

City: Richardson

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed:

Opposed:

As the parent of a child with dyslexia, I relied on a licensed therapist in private practice to work with my son over the summer. Since we were attending a private school at the time he was identified, the testing center provided a list of therapist and cautioned us to be sure whoever we worked with was licensed to ensure proper methods were used. In addition we were informed these therapists are held accountable.

While school districts are not required to have licensed therapists, they are valued by districts as well as parents. The license provides everyone with a manner to identify if the individual is equipped to provide the proper assistance to individuals with dyslexia.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: If the DSHS does not have the ability to maintain this license, perhaps it could fall under the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree