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

As an educator in process of training for CALT, and as a parent of a dyslexic student, I highly recommend the continuation of licensing for academic language therapists. When I began my training with Neuhaus Education Center in 1998, i had no idea that I'd have a child with dyslexia in 2014.

I am a certified reading specialist and a graduate of Texas A&M. Until my Neuhaus training, I had no idea how to serve students with different learning needs. The hours of training and hands on experience in clinical hours are integral to being a successful interventionist for students with reading differences.

My child has been in training with a CALT in his elementary school for the spring semester. Her expertise drastically improved his skills and his attitude toward school. This is priceless. Yes, a regular ed teacher can be "trained" to teach a kit. However, it is the understanding of development and language that makes the licensed CALT the answer for so many students.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Is there an option for another agency to oversee CALT?

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree