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

Please do not abolish the licensing of Dyslexia Therapist. Through specialized training of the complex English language, teachers are able to help dyslexic students learn to read. This licensure ensures that training and therapy is research based and the instructors are qualified in an effective curriculum. Truly dyslexic students find reading a difficult and tedious task. They also face the failure of the state test. However, with a highly trained teacher and curriculum, many students can learn to read and keep up with their peers.

Fourteen years ago, one such student started out as a 2nd grader headed for a special education referral because of poor reading skills. After a couple of years of therapy from a high trained therapist, the student gradually learned to read, and with the needed accommodations she was able to graduate high school in the top 10 percent. This is one of many success stories I've been able to witness as a result of proper instruction.

Instructors of dyslexic students need to be highly qualified. Licensure ensure the proper training has taken place and continued training is documented. Please continue licensure of dyslexia therapist.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: One recommendation is to include dyslexia education in the teacher certification process at the university level.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree