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Commissioner

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Dear Mr. Levine:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide responses to the issues and recommendations presented in the Sunset Advisory Commission Staff Report on the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS). You specifically asked that the Texas Education Agency (TEA) review Issue 4 as it affects TEA.

Recommendation 4.2 is as follows: **Require DARS to partner with the Texas Education Agency to develop a mechanism to target schools with the highest need for transition services, and to develop policies to ensure it provides a consistent, minimum level of service.**

I have no concerns about TEA's ability or willingness to comply with the recommendation. If the Sunset Advisory Commission and the Texas Legislature proceed with that recommendation, TEA stands ready to work with DARS to implement the recommendation.

I would also like to thank you for meeting with me several weeks ago to discuss the next steps in your limited scope review of TEA. If I may be of assistance as your staff continues their work, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Michael Williams  
Commissioner of Education

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