

February 25, 2019

Donna Bahorich
Chair, Texas State Board of Education
William B. Travis State Building
1701 North Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Madame Chair and members of the Texas SBOE,

The Texas Special Education Continuing Advisory Committee commends the SBOE and the handbook committees for their diligent work on the newly revised edition. We would like to give the following recommendation to the revision of the Dyslexia Handbook.

The current handbook's referral and evaluation process for dyslexia and related disorders predetermines educational need and affords the child a label (or diagnosis) before completing a full individual and initial evaluation (FIE). A full evaluation is absolutely necessary and should be required in order to fully appreciate the type of learning disability and severity the child may have.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Teresa Bronsky, Chair
Texas Special Education Continuing Advisory Committee

cc: Monica Martinez, Associate Commissioner, Standards and Support Services
Justin Porter, State Director of Special Education, Division of Special Education Programs