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TO ALL MEMBERS TEXAS LEGISLATURE & MEMBERS OF INTERIM  
COMMITTEE ON STUDY OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR THE DEAF  
& VISUALLY HANDICAPPED.

We of the National Federation of the Blind of Texas believe that agencies serving the blind, such as a school, should have the highest standards possible. We are after all consumers of those services and would be foolish not to expect the best that could be had. However, NAC has not given very good evidence of accrediting agencies of the best kind but has applied its standards for accreditation in a way that favors agencies which the blind consumers have reason and experience to question. Therefore, we as members of the National Federation of the Blind strongly oppose the recommendation outline by the committee.

Sincerely,

*Dick Roberts*

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President, NFB of Texas

P. S. Copies were not sent to committee members other than Texas Legislators since addresses are unknown.

TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Administrative Recommendations

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WORK WITH GOVERNOR'S COORDINATING OFFICE FOR THE VISUALLY HANDICAPPED IN SELF-STUDY AND IN EFFORT TO CONFORM TO SUCH NATIONAL ACCREDITATION STANDARDS as might be primarily based upon demonstrated competencies and as might relate primarily to the practical outcomes of service effort. Specifically, make every reasonable effort to achieve accreditation from the National Accreditation Council (NAC) for Agencies Serving the Blind (formerly COMSTAC)

The above information was contained from the Interim Committee on the Study of Educational Program for the Deaf & Visually Handicapped.

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