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To: Administrators
From: Laurie Matzke, Assistant Superintendent
Re: SB 2032 (Para-to-Teacher Program)
Date: September 8, 2023

During the 68th ND Legislative session, the Legislature passed SB 2032, providing the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) with \$3 million to continue the Para-to-Teacher Program started with ESSER funding.

If you have paraprofessionals who would be interested in becoming a teacher, please share this information with them. The funds will be distributed on a first-come/first-served basis.

Paraprofessionals working in a North Dakota school are eligible and can apply to the NDDPI and select the university of their choice from the approved list of eligible providers.

The following documents are available on the NDDPI GYO [website](#) under the “Correspondence to LEAs” folder.

- Memorandum
- SB 2032 Guidance for Paraprofessionals
- Paraprofessional Application

If you have questions regarding this information, please don't hesitate to contact me at lmatzke@nd.gov or (701) 328-2284.

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