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Mr. Jim Buckheit, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Buckheit,

Please clarify why the May draft now has the word instructional before paraprofessionals. How many different categories of paraprofessionals will we have under Chapter 147. My concern is that this will eliminate the transferability of staff to meet the current needs in the school building. I would like to suggest that the paraprofessionals we have on staff have had a significant amount of training and that training should be counted as meeting the new suggested standards the State Board is setting.

Thank you,

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