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Mr. Jim Burkheit,

I would like to write to you as an educator in support of paraprofessionals in our public schools. I have had several paraps in my 7 years as a teacher in the Milton Area School District. These professionals have enriched the students with whom they worked by providing one-on-one assistance and education, helping other students when needed, even if they were not part of their caseload, and basically doing many of the jobs that I, as a teacher, do.

I urge you to please find a way to increase the pay of these professionals. If paraps are now required to have an associate's degree to work, they should at least be paid a living wage.

Thank you,

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