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Dear Mr. Buckheit:

I am a special education teacher who is concerned about the issues regarding the paraprofessional requirements

Consider reversing the decision to make two years or more of post secondary education a part of the requirement for hiring new paraprofessionals.

I understand the intention of the State board but we must be aware of the practical side of this issue. The pool of candidates who are eligible and interested in the vacancies will greatly be reduced. We need to meet the needs of the students we serve but no needs are being met if the position is not filled.



