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Fwd: Capitol Watch: ISBE Addresses Paraprofessional Endorsement Change

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**ISBE Addresses Paraprofessional Endorsement Change**

Through the Superintendent Weekly Message, the Illinois State Board of Education recently released information about the ETS-paraprofessional exam and ACT WorkKeys no longer being options for obtaining licensure. You can read the message [here](#).

ISBE stated it is working with lawmakers to draft a trailer bill during the fall veto session to reinstate the two exams as an option for those applying for a paraprofessional endorsement.

In the interim, ISBE says, individuals who do not hold an associate degree or higher or a minimum of 60 semester hours of credit may proceed with taking either two exams, with the understanding that ISBE cannot consider a passing score as a means to obtain the endorsement until subsequent legislation is enacted. The fall veto session is scheduled for October 28-30 and November 12-14.

This change, which I know has limited the pool of paraprofessional candidates, was caused when Gov. Pritzker signed Public Act 101-0220 last week. The legislation eliminated the requirement that teacher candidates pass a test of basic skills to receive a Professional Educator License.

However, in what we have heard was a drafting error, it also dropped the ETS-paraprofessional exam and ACT WorkKeys as options for obtaining paraprofessional licensure.

We will be working closely with ISBE and the General Assembly on this issue and keep you updated on developments.

Thanks for reading.

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