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CBS Evening News Back To School Series

The teacher shortage makes national news and one of our own Illinois small schools is at the forefront of the story. Now considered a nationwide problem, one survey reports that as many as 75% of districts do not have enough teachers as the school year begins.

Lasalle-Peru Township HSD #120 is a NCES Local code defined school - 33 Town Remote. With an Evidence Based Funding (EBF) adequacy of 62%, funding is part of the equation of teacher shortages. LaSalle-Peru is not unique in the state or throughout the country. Almost all 50 states report teacher shortages and the NEA reports that 30% of teachers are considering leaving the profession early, according to this CBS report.

AIRSS has been at the forefront of the teacher shortage discussion since 2014

and continues to highlight the challenges, needs and concerns of our rural and small schools as it relates to the teacher shortage. It will take a significant intentional and dedicated approach to solve this problem in Illinois and throughout the United States.

Below is the link to the CBS story aired on 8/25 by Nancy Chen.

[Click here to visit the Return to School Roadmap Website](#)

Thanks,

Dave Ardrey

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