

Abilene Independent School District Board Document - Agenda Item

Meeting Date: July 6, 2026

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting

Item Type: Action Item

Future Action Required: No

If Yes, Month: August

Subject: School District Teaching Permit

Background Information:

During the 89th Texas Legislative Session, school districts were granted the authority to issue School District Teaching Permits (SDTPs) to qualified paraprofessionals. To be eligible, a paraprofessional must have served at least 180 days in the preceding year, be enrolled in a bachelor's degree program leading to teacher certification and demonstrate competency in the subject area to be taught. This new provision expands the educator pipeline by creating an additional pathway for experienced paraprofessionals to transition into classroom teaching roles. The district may also consider utilizing other types of School District Teaching Permits in the future to address staffing needs and support student learning.

Attached Supporting Documents:

School District Teaching Permits Presentation

TEA Guide – School District Teaching Permits

Fiscal Implications:

Associate Teacher Salary

Administrative Recommendation:

Approval of one School District Teaching Permit for a paraprofessional at Bassetti Elementary.

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