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ALL PRINCIPALS/APs & ALL TEACHERS: Information for Paraprofessionals Regarding Availability of Parato-Teacher Tuition Support Program Category:

Audience: All Principals/APs, All Teachers

Due Date: n/a Meeting Date: n/a

To inform paras about the availability of the Para-to-Teacher Tuition Support Program.

• The Florida Para-to-Teacher Support Program provides tuition support for paraprofessionals seeking a Bachelor's degree in Exceptional Student Education.

• The basic requirements for acceptance to the Para-to-Teacher Support Program are:

o Currently employed as a Para

o Completed an Associate of Arts degree with a GPA of 2.5 or better

o Qualified for acceptance to a state approved program in Teacher Education (ESE)

• Basic provisions: Tuition costs and a small book stipend for two courses per semester. If funding allows, we can support more than two courses.

• Limitations: We cannot provide tuition support for those seeking a Master's degree or for those seeking alternative routes to certification.

• More detailed information is available at <u>http://www.florida-ese.org/paratoteacher/index.aspx</u>.

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