

PELSB'S LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

2019-2024

BACKGROUND

Since the establishment of Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB) in 2018, the Board has brought forward a legislative platform and advocated for policies in an effort to ensure Minnesota students have high quality educators in their schools.

REMOVING BARRIERS TO LICENSURE:

- Eliminate Basic Skills Exam requirements for teachers seeking a Tier 4 license (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)
- Eliminate content and pedagogy exam requirements for teachers who completed teacher preparation in Minnesota or who completed teacher preparation and passed licensure exams in another state (2022, 2023)
- Allow performance assessment (i.e., edTPA) in place of pedagogical exam for teachers seeking a Tier 3 license who have not complete teacher preparation (2019, 2020, 2021, 2023)
- Expand exemptions from a bachelor's degree to include native speakers of a world language and visual and performing artists (2021, 2022)
- Provide funding and support to educators seeking a license in their heritage language (2023)

MEET THE NEEDS OF MN STUDENTS:

- Bring Minnesota into compliance under Part B of the IDEA (2024)
- Literacy training and mentorship (2024)
- Support teachers to obtain licensure in shortages areas, such as special education (2024)



ELEVATING THE PROFESSION

- Remove the Tier 2 to Tier 3 pathway based on three years of teaching experience (2021, 2022, 2023)
- Strengthen Tier 2 requirements to align with content expertise or enrollment in a teacher preparation program (2021, 2022)
- Add mentorship requirements for teachers holding a Tier 1 or Tier 2 license (2021, 2022)
- Additional pathways to Tier 4 – portfolio and national board certification (2024)
- Aligning district TDE with SEPs (2024)
- Support residency programs (2023)
- Support increased educator compensation (2024)
- Support paid student teaching (2024)

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE:

- Increase number of board members (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)
- Increase licensure fee from \$57 to \$85 and add a nominal fee to support IT costs (2021)
- Remove redundant district reports (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)
- Clarify definitions and processes (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)
- Support BOSA taking on licensing duties (2024)
- IT budget to complete licensure system (2024)
- Clarify data collection and reporting responsibilities (2024)
- Allow BIE schools to access the Teacher Mentorship Grant (2024)
- Support literacy supports – including funding, clinical experience, and coaching (2024)

RENEWAL:

- One-time renewal requirements for teachers holding their initial Tier 3 license (2022)
- Ensure training in cultural competency and meeting the needs of multilingual learners is required for all teachers (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)

ADVOCACY

Increase Teachers of Color Act (ITCA) (2019-2024)

KEY BILLS OVER TIME

HF 1415, Rep. Youakim (PELSB's 2019 Policy Proposals)

HF 3580, Rep. Youakim (PELSB's 2020 Policy Proposals)

HF 1376, Rep. Frazier (PELSB's 2021 Policy Proposals)

SF446, Sen. Abeler (2020 Increase Teachers of Color Act)

HF3231, Rep. Frazier (PELSB's 2022 Policy Proposals)



PROPOSALS ADOPTED INTO LAW

Increased Teacher Mentorship Funding from \$1.5 million to \$6 million (2021 ITCA)
\$500k for a teacher recruitment and marketing campaign (2021 ITCA)