

Memorandum

Date: June 26, 2026

To: PELSB Board Members

From: PELSB Staff

Re: TeachMN Recruitment Tool

Background

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB) have collaborated to provide additional tools aimed at recruiting, marketing, and diversifying the teaching profession in Minnesota. These collaborative efforts are intended to serve all aspiring educators across the state, including high school and college students, those from underrepresented communities, and career changers. Part of this new effort has included the introduction and launch of TeachMN in April of 2025. They have continued to work side-by-side with and build on the efforts of Elevate Teaching over the last year and are excited to share the work that has already been done to recruit and support the profession in Minnesota.

Central to the initiative is a digital platform, TeachMN.org, which acts as a hub for prospective teachers to explore the profession and receive free support in applying to educator preparation programs throughout the state. TeachMN serves all aspiring educators across the state, including high school and college students, those from underrepresented communities, and career changers.

The TeachMN platform offers resources that include:

- One-on-one and group advising from Minnesota teachers
- A database of scholarships and funding for future teachers
- A search tool to find MN teaching programs
- Reimbursements for application and testing fees
- Unique resources for aspiring teachers from diverse racial, ethnic, and linguistic backgrounds
- Email encouragement and reminders
- Inspiring articles and content showcasing the best of the profession

Request

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