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# 2023 Legislative Priorities

## Teacher Residency Pilot Program

- 1 year student teaching (residency)
- Mentorship from co-teacher
- 40k stipend for residents
- District-paid benefits
- Prioritized free or low-cost tuition during residency
- Stipends for mentor-teachers
- Funding for state-wide support for grantees



## Supporting Heritage Language Educators

- Definition of heritage language & culture educator
- Program and staff support
- Funding for licensure costs

## Removing Barriers to Licensure

- Return experts in world languages and visual & performing arts back to the classroom by expanding the BA exemption
- Move 800+ teachers immediately to a Tier 3 license by removing the requirement to pass licensure exams for those who have completed teacher preparation
- Remove testing and experience barriers for out-of-state teachers
- Eliminate the basic skills testing requirement for teachers seeking a Tier 4 license
- Short-call substitute teacher pilot



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## Operational Excellence

- Remove redundant district reports and strengthen teacher preparation data reporting
- Add 2 teacher-members to the Board
- Clarify language and definitions
- Other technical changes to improve board operations

## Modifications to Tiered Licensure

- Ensures all professionally licensed teachers demonstrate meeting the standards of the profession
- Modifies qualifications for Tier 2 licensure to align with content expertise or enrollment in teacher prep
- Funding for districts to enroll Tier 2 educators in teacher preparation
- Funding for alternative preparation pathways
- Funding for licensure via portfolio pathway

