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***Legal Aid Statement in Support of the City Council's Efforts to Raise
Paraprofessional Pay***

(NEW YORK, NY) — The Legal Aid Society released the following statement in support of the New York City Council's efforts to secure fair pay for school paraprofessionals:

"These workers help ensure that students with disabilities in our public schools, many of whose families we have long served, have the support they need to learn and thrive. They are among the lowest-paid workers in City government, despite the essential work they do every day. They deserve to earn a living wage, and we support the City Council's efforts to ensure they are fairly compensated for their vital work."

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