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Teachers From The Philippines Start School In Parshall

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Staffing rural schools is a constant issue in North Dakota.

Pushing one school to reach abroad for a solution.

In Parshall, nine new teachers from the Philippines are just settling in their new classrooms.

"Thank you for your participation. It really means a lot to me," said Nerizza Paluga, Math Teacher.

The first day school can be intimidating especially when you're a new teacher in a new country. Nerizza Baluga arrived to America just over a week ago from the Philippines. She's been hired as the high school math teacher and her visa allows her to teach at Parshall for three years with a possible extension to five

years.

"Coming to America is always a dream of everyone's," said Paluga.

Before landing in America, she was a teacher for 20 years and was even offered a position as an assistant principal. Paluga says that the Philippines is a third world country and explains that she had 50-60 students in a class and her salary didn't offer room for growth. Making the decision to come here wasn't easy though. She left behind her husband and two kids but she says that its for the greater good.

"Coming here is a big sacrifice but it's good for everyone," said Paluga.

New science teacher, Ferdinand Osen, also made the trip to teach. He was a teacher for nine years in Philippines. He says that he came here for the experience.

"I like it here. The people are very nice, the place is very quiet," said Ferdinand Osen, Science Teacher.

"Their super eager and really excited to be here," said Jenny Curle, English Teacher at Parshall for 8 years.

After meeting all of their students, both teachers are excited to start their journeys in the American school system.

They hope to make the 2018-2019 school year one to remember for themselves and their students.

There are two Philippine teachers at the elementary, six at the high school, and a music teacher that will travel to both schools.

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