

ACTION REQUEST
Mokena School District 159
REGULAR MEETING
Personnel Recommendations – March 19, 2025

NAME	POSITION	BUILDING	EFFECTIVE DATE	EMPLOYMENT DETAIL
1. Classified – New Hire				
Jimmie Poulsen	Bus Driver	District	03/13/2025	\$22.33/hr
2. Classified – Leave of Absence				
Laura Oliosi	Assistant Cook	MES	03/20/2025 – 05/29/2025 <i>(tentative)</i>	
3. Classified – 2025-26 Contract				
Kelly Lynn	Administrative Assistant to Superintendent	District	2025-26 SY	Per Contract
4. Certified - Resignation				
Aaron Alderden	7 th Grade ELA Teacher	MJH	End of 2024-25 SY	
Melissa Berry	Special Education Teacher	MIS	End of 2024-25 SY	
Jessica Panozzo <i>(replaced by Emily Ineson)</i>	6 th Grade Math Teacher	MJH	End of 2024-25 SY	
Amy White	5 th Grade Teacher	MIS	End of 2024-25 SY	
5. Certified – Leave of Absence				
Jessica Senafe Hernandez	3 rd Grade Teacher	MES	05/12/2025-01/04/2026 <i>(tentative)</i>	
6. Certified - DRO				
David Balis	8 th Grade Teacher	MJH	End of 2028-29 SY	
7. Certified – New Hire				
Dana Labno	Special Education Teacher	MES	03/27/2025	\$56,234 for 2024-25 SY <i>(prorated for the remaining 40 days to \$12,496)</i>
Carrie Litto	5 th Grade Teacher	MIS	08/18/2025	\$53,331 for 2025-26 SY
Jennifer Bartels	Kindergarten Teacher	MES	08/18/2025	\$55,150 for 2025-26 SY
8. Administration – New Hire				
Betty (Kiki) Panos	Assistant Principal	MJH	07/01/2025	Per Contract

9. Coordinator – 2025-26 Contracts				
Stacey Lavelle	Special Education Program Coordinator	District	2025-26 SY	Per Contract
Nicole Stec	Student Services Coordinator	District	2025-26 SY	Per Contract
Ervin Walker	Transportation Coordinator	District	2025-26 SY	Per Contract
10. Director – 2025-26 Contracts				Per Contract
Lincoln Henson	Director of Technology	District	2025-26 SY	Per Contract
Dave Rana	Director of Buildings and Grounds	District	2025-26 SY	Per Contract
Kimberly Zupancich	Director of Human Resources	District	2025-26 SY	Per Contract
11. Administration – 2025-26 Contracts				
Dr. Kristin Johnson	Assistant Superintendent of Instruction	District	2025-26 SY	Per Contract
Dr. Teri Shaw	CSBO	District	2025-26 SY	Per Contract
Megan Mundt	Director of Student Services	District	2025-26 SY	Per Contract
Dave McAtee	Principal	MIS	2025-26 SY	Per Contract
Rachel Chorley	Principal	MES	2025-26 SY	Per Contract
Alexandria Pierik	Assistant Principal	MES	2025-26 SY	Per Contract

FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

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Part-Time Licensed Staff to Rehire for 2025-26 SY				
Joanne Bobek	Teacher	MIS		
Amy Brumett	Speech and Language Pathologist	Multiple		
Kari Dobblehoff	Teacher	MIS		

First Year Licensed Staff to Rehire for Year Two				
Sarah Andrews (Kowalkowski)	Social Worker	MES		
Amy Erb	BCBA	District		
Lauren Frank	Teacher	MES		
Sarah Garitty	Teacher	MJHS		
Matthew Gellert	Teacher	MJHS		
Julia Kazupski	Teacher	MES		
Erin Kelly	Teacher	MES		
Kelly Lauzze	Teacher	MES		
Vicky Nyder	Teacher	MIS/MJHS		
Deserae Orozco	Teacher	MES		
Kristin Schubbe	Teacher	MES/MIS		
Mallory Tehako	Teacher	MJHS		
Anna Waishwell	Teacher	MES		
Second Year Licensed Staff to Rehire for Year Three				
Casey Kirschsieper	Teacher	MJHS		
Noelle Knezz	Teacher	MES		
Kristin Moses	Teacher	MES		
Brian Murray	Teacher	MES/MIS		
Hannah Schroeder	Teacher	MJHS		
Theresa Tabor	Teacher	MES		
Danielle Thieman	Teacher	MIS		
Jennifer Zadlo	Teacher	MJHS		
Licensed Staff to Earn Tenure Status				
Suzanne Brodzinski	Social Worker	MES		
Samantha Catain	Teacher	MES		
Amanda Draeger	Teacher	MES		
Nadia Lagunas	Teacher	MES		