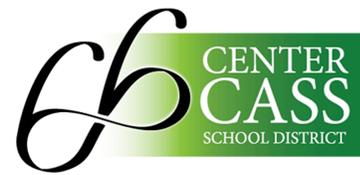


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## Memo

To: Dr. Wise, Superintendent  
From: Laura Gilmartin and Mark Pagel, Co-Principals (Elizabeth Ide Elementary)  
Date: March 6, 2026  
Re: Recommendation to hire **Kelly Kastner, Long-term Leave–Second Grade**

We highly recommend **Kelly Kastner** for employment as a long term sub for Marissa Powers with an anticipated start date of March 16 through the end of the school year. Kelly brings extensive experience as an elementary teacher, including being a highly requested sub this year in Center Cass with only positive feedback from staff. She has demonstrated exceptional classroom management skills and outstanding team collaboration. Our interview team was particularly impressed by her calm, confident demeanor and her child-centered approach, both of which are essential qualities for supporting our youngest learners. Her work with students with special needs also made her a standout candidate.

We recommend Kelly Kastner without reservation.

Respectfully,

Laura Gilmartin and Mark Pagel