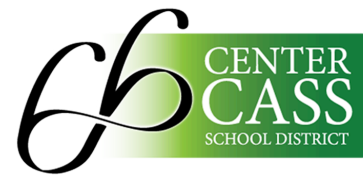


Dr. Kimberly Liles, Lakeview Interim Principal

Center Cass School District 66

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Memo

To: Dr. Andrew Wise, Superintendent
From: Dr. Kimberly Liles, Lakeview Interim Principal
Date: May 6, 2026
Re: Hiring Recommendation

I am pleased to recommend the hiring of Rebecca Burke as a Special Education Teacher at Lakeview Junior High School for the 2026–2027 school year. Rebecca is an experienced special education teacher who has spent the past three years in Texas developing, opening two self-contained programs, and teaching in self-contained special education classrooms. Her experience working with students with diverse learning and behavioral needs has prepared her well to support the students and staff at Lakeview.

During the interview process, the team was highly impressed with Rebecca's student-centered approach and her strong belief that every child deserves a place, purpose, and sense of belonging within a school community. She shared a philosophy that each day is a fresh start for students, emphasizing the importance of relationship-building, consistency, and compassion in supporting student growth and success.

Rebecca's references echoed these same sentiments and spoke very highly of her dedication, professionalism, and ability to successfully work with students with special needs on a daily basis. They described her as collaborative, caring, and committed to meeting the individual needs of her students while fostering a positive classroom environment.

It is with great enthusiasm that I recommend the hiring of Rebecca Burke as a Special Education Teacher at Lakeview Junior High School for the 2026–2027 school year.