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## **Coordinator of Communication and Community Relations: Gina Steinbrecher**

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**TO:** Board of Education  
**FROM:** Asst. Director of Communications, Gina Steinbrecher  
**DATE:** October 17, 2024  
**RE:** Board Salute

**Salute to:** Brett Jacobson, Social Worker, Lemay Middle School  
**Submitted by:** Sherri Massa, Director of Student Services

“Brett is a social worker at Lemay Middle School. His primary focus is on supporting students who have behavior concerns and may need to take a "pause" from their regular school day and think about more appropriate behavior. However, Brett jumped into completely unknown territory for the past month and supported Wegner students struggling with a new school year. When Maggie Lay and I first approached Brett about helping out at Wegner, he was very upfront about his experience of only being with older students. He acknowledged that his toolbox for supporting kindergarten students wasn't quite full, but he was more than willing to go where needed. Brett spent a month at Wegner, every day, learning more and more about kindergarten and 1st grade. From the first day, he jumped in and found ways to connect with students and staff. Brett went “Above and Beyond” to support Wegner, and we couldn't be more appreciative of his willingness to go where he is most needed.”