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Memo

To: Dr. Wise, Superintendent

From: Sean Rhoads, Director of Student Services

Date: April 3rd, 2025

Re: Hiring of of the following:

- Christina Miller, Prairieview Elementary School Special Education Teacher (Multi-Needs Program)

I am pleased to recommend Christina Miller as our finalist for the Special Education teaching position within the multi-needs program at Prairieview Elementary School. After a comprehensive screening and interview process, Christina stood out as an exceptionally qualified and passionate educator whose extensive experience, skill set, and philosophy align with the values and needs of our district.

Christina brings over 17 years of experience working with students with significant and diverse disabilities across a range of instructional settings. Most recently, she served as a RISE teacher in Hinsdale District 181, where she delivered individualized instruction across all core subjects using research-based curricula such as Unique Learning System and the Wilson Reading System—earning both Level 1 and Level 2 certification. She also has a strong background in assistive technology, including AAC devices, and has taken initiative to learn American Sign Language to further support non-verbal students.

Christina's collaborative approach and leadership are evident through her work with families, service providers, and colleagues, as well as her mentorship of new teachers, involvement in curriculum committees, and coordination of community-based learning. Her commitment to inclusive practices, data-driven instruction, and fostering a supportive classroom environment makes her an ideal fit for our multi-needs program and a strong asset to our school community.

Reference checks conducted for Christina have been completed and validate her ability to fulfill the responsibilities in this role. Pending Board approval, I highly recommend Christina Miller for hire as the Special Education Teacher for the multi-needs program at Prairieview Elementary School for the 2025–2026 school year.

Thank you!