

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**FOR THE SHOREWOOD SCHOOL BOARD**

**Topic:** Approve hiring of Todd Bell

**Date:** September 29, 2015

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**Recommended action:**     Information only  
    Presentation/discussion  
    Discussion/action by committee  
    Discussion/action by board of education  
    Presentation/action next meeting

**Recommendation(s):** Hire Todd Bell

**Purpose:** Hire a 1.0 FTE special education teacher for Atwater Elementary School

**Background:** Due to a resignation less than two weeks before the school year began, we had a need for a full-time 1.0 FTE special education teacher. After going through the interview process, it was immediately clear that we found someone who seemingly was the perfect fit for Atwater. Todd Bell brings 6 plus years of special education teaching experience to Atwater Elementary School. Most recently, he has been working at Lakeview Elementary School. Todd has a lot of experience in co-teaching, and with the service delivery model being closely examined as we dive deeper into expeditionary learning, this co-teaching experience will be very helpful. Todd's experience with research based curriculum for struggling learners was also a key factor in our selection. Besides a solid background in special education, Todd brings with him a wealth of life experience. He will fit in perfectly with Shorewood's creatively minded community, having been a member and tour manager for the influential indie band Braid during the past twenty years. His experience as a touring musician allowed Todd to travel the world. This multi-cultural experience will lend itself well to the diverse student population of Atwater and Shorewood as a whole.