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Item: KEC Oakleigh Principal

Submitted by: Dave Rodgers

Date: 7-28-25

Recommended by: Kirsten Myers

Board Meeting Date: August 18, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve the hire of Raechelle Huston as the next KEC Oakleigh Principal. Jennifer Wittenbach served in the role under an interim status during the 2024-25 school year. We appreciate Jennifer's efforts as the interim principal and wish her well as she begins a new role as Program Coordinator at KEC Beltline. This recommendation comes as a result of the search for a long-term leader for KEC Oakleigh.

BACKGROUND:

Qualified applicants selected for interview progressed through multiple rounds of interviews, allowing the team to get to know the finalists very well. Ms. Huston excelled in each phase and received supportive feedback from the stakeholder panel, which included KEC Oakleigh staff. While this will be her first principal position, Raechelle brings a great deal of special education leadership and supervisory experience to the position. She has more than twenty years of combined experience as a teacher, teacher consultant and special education supervisor between Grand Rapids Public Schools and Kentwood Public Schools. We are excited about all that Raechelle brings to the KECs and center programs, as a whole.