



January 27, 2023

Dear Center Cass Families:

Hope you are having a wonderful January! Below are a few exciting updates:

- A) Prairieview Principal Mark Pagel is retiring at the end of this year. Principal Pagel has been an educational pillar of professionalism, kindness, and care during his tenure at Center Cass. We started the search process for Principal Pagel's replacement before Winter Break and culminated last week with interviews conducted on six top notch candidates. After interviewing the candidates, a team of students, teachers, support staff, parents, and administrators shared that **Mr. Jake Little** had risen above the rest. Mr. Little demonstrated an ability to build and foster relationships; clear vision of personalized learning; high expectations for self and others; and a quest to ensure learning is meaningful and fun. Mr. Little will be recommended to the Board on February 8, 2023.

- B) Due to the passage of the referendum, the Board authorized the postings of much needed positions in the areas of Social Work, Intervention, English Language Learners (ELL), Science-Technology-Engineering-Math (STEM), and School Resource Officer (SRO). The postings above, plus the existing openings for Special Education Teaching, Special Education Paraprofessionals, Elementary Teaching, Bus Drivers, Custodians, and Building/District Administrative Assistant can be found on the District's [employment page](#). If you know of anyone who is interested in serving their local school district, please have them complete an application. I am excited for our students to receive the support services they deserve.

- C) Also, due to the passage of the referendum, the District has engaged with architects and engineers regarding the improvements outlined for the Summer of 2023-Summer 2024 school year, which includes intercom replacements at Lakeview and Prairieview, as well as fire alarm replacements at Lakeview and Prairieview. The intercom project will be done Summer 2023, and Fire Alarm project the Summer of 2024. In addition, we just completed the water heater replacement at Lakeview and will plan to replace the Prairieview gym floor within the next 12 months. We have started security camera upgrades at Lakeview and will begin those upgrades at Prairieview in the near future. We will keep you informed as we utilize the referendum dollars to improve the District.

Lots of exciting events happening in February such as Intramurals, Concerts, Club Events, Competitions at Lakeview, Conferences, and Parent-Student Events. Please check School and PTO news for more information. Hope to see many of you at Team 66 Trivia Night this evening. Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Andrew S. Wise
Superintendent