



## **PRAIRIEVIEW SCHOOL**

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*Mr. Jake Little, Principal*

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To: Dr. Wise

From: Jake Little

Date: May 6, 2026

Re: Recommendation to hire the following: Mary Sopha as a Social Worker

First, thank you again to the Board of Ed for their support in creating this role. It will have a major impact on all students in our building. Mary Sopha, LCSW, is an incredibly experienced candidate who brings 20+ years of school social work practice across multiple districts, including four years previously at Elizabeth Ide. Her wealth of experience will impact so many systems at Prairieview, especially in growing our classroom teachers' Tier 1 SEL tools. Her experience with FBAs, BIPs, MTSS, threat assessment teams, and IEP development is extensive and will make an immediate impact. References all speak to her leadership, calm demeanor, collaborative spirit, and genuine commitment to students. Mary's philosophy and core beliefs align beautifully with our mission to grow ALL Panthers, one paw at a time. We are thrilled to have Mary at Prairieview!