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Why did you choose to work with Westlake City Schools?

I recently moved to the area from Portland, Oregon. When I started looking at local school districts at the beginning of the year Westlake stood out to me for many reasons. My husband is a Cleveland native and has a lot of family in the area. Everyone said that Westlake would be one of the best districts to work for. I started doing my own research and found Westlake to not only value student success but also staff success and that really stood out to me. Everyone I have interacted with so far has been so kind, helpful, and encouraging.

What are you most looking forward to in working with Westlake City Schools?

I am looking forward to getting to know the students and staff. I am also looking forward to learning and growing in my new position.

Tell us a little bit about yourself: Where did you grow up? Where did you go to school? What were your favorite subjects growing up? Did you play sports or do activities? Did you have a favorite pet?

I grew up in Birmingham, Alabama and have lived in Portland, Oregon for the 20 last years. I went to high school in Alabama and attended college at Oregon State. My favorite subject was English. In high school I wrote for the school paper and participated in a various club.

What are some of the ways you'll push Westlake students to

be good citizens?

I would want to teach them to show kindness to everyone they encounter. I want them to recognize that you never know what someone might be going through and how one small act of kindness on your part might make a world of difference to someone else.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time? (Hobbies, sports, favorite teams, games, etc.)

I enjoy spending time exploring new areas in nature. I also enjoy watching football and baseball with my husband. I am new to the area, so I am so excited to explore everything Cleveland has to offer. My husband and I also enjoyed traveling.

If you could have any meal right now, what would be included?

Birthday cake, I am a sucker for a piece of good birthday cake. I also love tacos!

If you could visit any place on the planet, where would you like to go? What would you like to do there?

I would love to go to France and see the Eiffel Tower.

If you're comfortable doing so, could you share some info about your life? (ie: marriage, kids, pets, etc.)

I have been married to my husband Bernie for 6 years and we have a spoiled rotten pug named Gus.