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Dear School Administrators:

I am writing to express my interest in your teaching position for the 2018-2019 school year. I am particularly interested in working for your district due to the school's educational ranking and the districts academic recognitions. The variety of academic and extracurricular programs in place undoubtedly insures each student reaches their highest potential through an environment which is engaging, nurturing and challenging. This is precisely the teaching environment I envision myself providing to the students in my classroom.

I am a graduate from Michigan State University with my Bachelor of Arts in Education, majoring in mathematics. I also earned a ZA, Early Childhood Endorsement. My time at Michigan State University has allowed me to grow in my classroom management strategies, teaching experiences, lesson differentiation and staff collaboration. These experiences, in conjunction with your academic programs, will enable me to be a great asset to your school district.

The past two years I have been teaching 33-35 fifth graders in Saginaw, Michigan. The majority of students in our building are considered at-risk and fall below grade level. I collaborated with and across grade levels to design and implement differentiated units in all core subject areas that met the needs of the diverse learners in my classroom. Weekly grade level and mentor meetings enabled me to gain a rich understanding of the content, curriculum and student population that I have had the privilege of serving. I constantly implement the practices and philosophies I have learned through my undergraduate and graduate studies to provide the best education. My classroom is filled with flexible seating options which allows each student a unique and beneficial learning experience. Great Expectations is the backbone of our classroom community. Each day we begin by communicating our expectations and building one another up. We practice celebrating mistakes, demonstrating high expectations, building a climate of respect, accepting challenges and providing motivation and inspiration to all. The mutual respect that my students and I share creates a positive learning environment that enables their growth academically, socially and emotionally.

During these last two years I have immersed myself within my school culture. I enhanced our schools Sunshine Committee and have been the co-chair on this ever since. Our committee is committed to promoting positive climate and culture with and among the staff. I have had the privilege facilitating tutoring, and volunteering at our annual math and reading nights, school lock-ins, float building and parades. My coordination of our fifth-grade fundraiser and field trip allowed for students to understand the importance and benefit of teamwork and perseverance. These opportunities further enhanced the development of my positive relationships with the students, families, and the staff of Arrowwood Elementary School.

In my classroom I provide an environment that educates all students and inspires them to navigate successfully through their education, becoming globally active citizens in the world around them. Students will be challenged to learn skills that will help them to become lifelong learners. The creation of a safe, challenging and enriching classroom will empower all of my students to successfully become lifelong learners, fulfilling mission and beliefs of your school district.

I am truly a passionate and dedicated teacher in the classroom. Recognizing the impact I have on students is the most rewarding part of being a teacher. I would love the opportunity to positively impact the lives of students within your school district.

Thank you for your time and consideration. My highly qualified educational background and experiences allows me to be a great asset to your program. An opportunity to teach in your district is an excellent step in my career path. I look forward to discussing this employment opportunity after you have reviewed my resume and application.

Sincerely,

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