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To Whom It May Concern:

I would be interested in serving on the state board for Washington State Science Olympiad. I have been involved at the regional level in Everett for the past several years and feel that I could provide input at the state level.

I have served as a coach at both the high school and middle school levels and I believe that the more involved a person can become, the better we can help the students.

I have appreciated what Science Olympiad has provided for the students at both the high school and middle school levels and have appreciated the hard work that the board puts into making this a rewarding experience for all who are involved.

Thank you for your consideration of my application.

Sincerely,

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Objective: I would like very much to work with the state science board. I feel that the more involved that each of us can get, the better opportunity we can afford to our students.

Skills and strengths: I work well with individuals and groups of people.

Relationship building is high on my list of strengths and in a group setting, it I can provide a good ear to listen to various sides and help to explain both sides.

Experience:

2007- 2009 Teacher at Stanwood High School - general education math and special education math. Science team coach at middle and high school levels.

2006 – 2009 – Served on the committee to set up Regional Science Competition in Everett, Washington

1996- 2007 – Teacher at Port Susan Middle School in Stanwood, Washington – science team coach for 3 years

1995-1996 – Teacher at Stanwood Middle School

1993 to 1995 – Teacher at Tahoma High School in Maple Valley, Washington

1979 to 1993 – K-12 teacher in Mansfield, Washington; general education and special education. One year Science Olympiad experience.

1985-1992 – coached sports including track and field, basketball, and middle school football

References: Eldon Allen, principal at Port Susan Middle School in Stanwood, Washington 360 629-1360

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