

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in regards to the open elementary teaching positions in the St. Vrain Valley School District. I learned about the positions through the district website and they interest me greatly. I have worked in early childhood education and family services counseling since 2000, completed my Colorado Initial Teacher License in May of 2019 through the Friends School Teacher Preparation Program, and finished my M.A. in Learning, Development, and Family Sciences at the University of Colorado-Denver in 2020. Throughout the 2020-2021 school year, I taught a learning pod of eight children from six families.

Through my passion for teaching and my experience in human development, I thrive in creating, growing, and sustaining a space in my classroom that cares for and positively affects the learning of each student individually. I strive to offer students choices in their learning to help them develop strengths and interests. Assessments are used to inform instruction and scaffold students in a way that meets them where they are and assists them in achieving their potential.

One of my greatest passions in education is creating a community focused on strong relationships between students, teachers, and families. My goal for the classroom community is to create an environment where every child feels seen and heard, and where each student is comfortable taking risks by experimenting, sharing ideas, giving feedback to others, learning, and growing both socially and emotionally.

I believe that my background and teaching philosophy, combined with my ability to facilitate constructive learning environments with engaging lessons for small and large groups of children, make me an ideal candidate for this role.

Attached is my resume for further reference. I would enjoy discussing this position with you and am happy to provide any additional information if needed. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Riann Sahnnow