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## FULL-STACK WEB DEVELOPER

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I am writing to express my interest in the open position of Junior Web Developer on the marketing team at SolarWinds. I am currently working as a full-time Special Education teacher and I am enrolled in an intensive full stack web development bootcamp through Bloc. Although I have enjoyed teaching for the last five years, and learning to code and reading more about web development sparked my own desire to embrace a career that could foster the kind of lifelong learning and continuing education that I know to be important as a teacher.

When I graduated from the University of Texas in 2014 with my M.Ed., I had been working as an intern in Austin schools for about two years teaching mostly middle school English classes. At that point, I had no idea I would ultimately end up working in Special Education. It had not been part of my original plan, but when a Special Education position opened at my current school, I jumped at the opportunity. The culture of the school is forward-thinking and progressive, and the students are generally happy and driven to succeed. This is the kind of culture that I value in a work place, and I see those kinds of highly personalized, forward-thinking and resilient solutions in the products of SolarWinds.

I think that the field of programming opens up other interesting ways to make a difference in the world these students will be living in when they graduate and for individuals accessing the Internet not only from a variety of devices but also from a diverse set of experiences and viewpoints today. I am a versatile and enthusiastic learner, and am excited to approach the opportunity at SolarWinds with the same hands-on, direct experience that I have practiced in my time teaching as well as the different types of programming that I have gotten to practice through my program at Bloc.

Web development is this huge field, teeming with new ideas and fresh talent. My experience as a special education teacher and extensive training in the practices of working with students as well as teachers as a key part and leader of multiple teams would bring a unique perspective to the SolarWinds marketing team. I have a lot of ideas when it comes to user experience on a website, not only from the perspective of ADA compliance, but also as a member of a large team managing a lot of data. I designed and implemented a standardized system for logging data on my team that was adopted and streamlined with my input to be used across the entire middle and high school special education department. As a new developer, I am eager to learn and ready to devote my time to expanding my skill set and deepening my current knowledge. I would be a good fit as a junior developer at SolarWinds, as I possess not only the necessary programming skills, but also bring a unique set of interpersonal and team-oriented skills resulting from years of work in education. I am excited at the opportunity to add my set of knowledge and experience to your team.

Sincerely,

Christine Benson