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To whom it may concern,

Currently I am a full time fifth grade teacher at Bay View Academy Charter School in Monterey, California. During my three years at Bay View Academy, I became a lead teacher for the grades fourth through sixth where I am responsible for Professional Learning Community meetings, collaboration, and weekly participation in Instructional Leadership Team meetings. I fully developed the entire fifth grade English Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science curriculums by creating six thematic units that implement all of the Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards. Teaching thematic units allows me to dive deeper into our standards by cross-referencing relative content between English Language Arts and Social Studies or Science. Through the use of STEM activities in my classroom, I am able to bring hands-on learning to the next level. By allowing my children to foster a growth mindset on a daily basis, I encourage my students to work at their full potential and learn from their mistakes. Each day my students come to school with excitement and passion for learning. Incorporating collaborative learning opportunities and engaging every student in my classroom allows me to make my students' educational experience memorable and successful.

I graduated from La Roche College in Pittsburgh, PA with a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education with a concentration in Spanish and Psychology. I currently have an Instructional II Pennsylvania Teaching Credential and as of January 2014, I have obtained my Preliminary California Teaching Credential. I have experience teaching students in grades kindergarten through sixth grade as well as Reading Specialist experience. My most recent teaching experiences have been as a fifth grade teacher teaching common core standards in California and Pennsylvania. I am a dedicated, responsible, and hard working individual that enjoys working with children and making a difference in their lives. I am very involved in my school community by participating on committees that make our school a place that children, families, and teachers are proud to be a part of. I am a believer in the education of the whole child and as a teacher we have many roles that we must play on a daily basis. My personal philosophy on education is that teachers are like actors on stage or television in front of an audience of children. Our goal is to keep the students interested and engaged in the subjects being taught so they want to come to school and learn each day!

Outside of the classroom, I am a community volunteer at the Monterey Bay Aquarium where I am a tour guide and captain of my volunteer shift. With over sixteen years of zoo and aquarium experience, I am able to bring outside knowledge of science and biology into the classroom for unique learning opportunities for all of my students. I also recently published my second children's book that I wrote and illustrated about a little train that works at a zoo.

I feel that through my teaching, school leadership position, and volunteer experiences I have established excellent classroom management skills, professionalism, and teaching techniques for both students and professionals. My expertise and skills are able to get everyone involved in learning and goal setting which would make me an asset to your institution. Please contact me at any time by phone at (412) 401-4373 or by email at CC4455@yahoo.com. See my attached resume for a detailed outline of my education and experience. I look forward to speaking to you soon!

Very truly yours,

Christopher F. Churilla