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Dear Whom it May Concern:

I am reaching out to express my interest in the current Elementary level teaching vacancy positions in the Upper Merion Area School District. I am confident that my academic background and educational experience would be successfully utilized in this teaching position. Your position requires skills in educating our school-age children in a manner that allows them to be successful, and teach content in a differentiated manner in which it reaches each student. I have experience in several elementary school classrooms, including a gifted support classroom.

Currently, I am the Gifted Education teacher at Evergreen Elementary in Perkiomen Valley School District. In this classroom, I enrich grade level curriculums from first grade through fifth, to provide my students with opportunities to demonstrate and improve their critical thinking, higher level problem solving and creativity skills. I have collaborated with teachers to design a curriculum program with instructional modifications necessary for gifted students. Additionally, I am responsible for writing their GIEP documents and holding annual GIEP meetings among ensuring their strengths are being met through specially designed instruction. During the 2016-2017 school year, I participated in the Induction Program for new teachers in the Perkiomen Valley School district in which has allowed me to continue to improve my teaching practices and improve the overall quality of education.

I have previous experience in third and fourth grade classrooms, all in the Perkiomen Valley School District. Both third grade classrooms were co-taught with the learning support and emotional support teachers. In addition to frequent collaboration with colleagues to ensure our student’s individual needs were met in accordance with their IEP’s, I created and implemented lessons according to the curriculum and Pennsylvania Common Core standards. Furthermore, I provided differentiated instruction to meet individual student learning needs, as well as provided higher-order thinking for further challenges. I was in constant communication and collaboration with the grade level teams to ensure progress through the curriculum.

Prior to my classroom teaching experiences, I was an Instructional Paraprofessional at Evergreen Elementary in the Perkiomen Valley School District, in which I gained valuable experience in individual and small group work, specifically in instructional reading. I have completed DRA, QRI, DIBELS and Fontas and Pinnell testing, as well as created and instructed small reading group lessons focusing on specific strategies for decoding, fluency and comprehension.

Currently, I am enrolled in the Masters in Literacy with Reading Specialist Certificate at West Chester University. The knowledge and experience I have gained through these courses can be observed in my classroom teaching practices and continue to coincide with my teaching philosophy. My anticipated graduation date is spring of 2019.

Your educational setting has an excellent reputation and comes highly recommended to me. Please consider this as an expression of my sincere interest in pursuing future elementary level teaching positions. I am confident that as a teacher in your school system, I can create a productive learning environment that is student-centered. I welcome the opportunity to discuss with you in person my ideas and qualifications. If you have any questions or would like to arrange an interview with me, I may be reached at the contact information above. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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**Objective**

To obtain a position as an elementary school teacher that will utilize my strong dedication to

children’s development and their educational needs, as well as provide higher-order thinking and creativity through continued professional growth.

**Certification**

Instructional 1 Pennsylvania State Teaching Certificate May 2012

Kindergarten-Sixth Grade

**Education**

West Chester University of Pennsylvania, West Chester, Pennsylvania Anticipated May 2019

Masters of Education in Literacy with Reading Specialist Certificate

West Chester University of Pennsylvania, West Chester, Pennsylvania May 2012

Bachelor of Science in Education

Cum Laude Honors

Dean’s List for College of Education

Perkiomen Valley High School June 2008

**Teaching Experience Perkiomen Valley School District, Collegeville, PA**

**Gifted Education Teacher** Aug 2016-Present

* Enrich the grade level curriculum to provide critical thinking, higher level problem solving and creativity skill development.
* Focus on student’s strengths and implement curriculum accordingly, as well as in alignment with the PA Common Core standards.
* Write each student’s GIEP document, as well as hold parent and teacher meetings.
* Work collaboratively with classroom teachers in accordance of lessons.

**4th Grade Long-Term Substitute, Evergreen Elementary School** Aug 2015-Feb 2016

Perkiomen Valley School District, Collegeville, PA

* Long term substitute in a fourth grade regular education classroom that included emotional support students.
* Implemented use of Google Classroom and various instructional tools with use of daily ipads and Chromebooks in classroom for educational resources.
* Implemented classroom management and behavior accordingly with use of positive reinforcement and clip chart.
* Worked collaboratively with the emotional support teacher and learning support teacher in lesson design to support the IEP needs of the emotional support and learning support students.
* Conferenced and collaborated weekly with grade level members and mentor in application of critical thinking and problem solving materials that align with curriculum.
* Collaborated with emotion support teacher in preparation and execution of weekly lessons. Administered the PSSA’s in Math and Reading after thorough completion of training.

**3rd Grade Long-Term Substitute, South Elementary School** March 2016-June 2016

**3rd Grade Long-Term Substitute, Evergreen Elementary School** March 2015-June 2015

Perkiomen Valley School District, Collegeville, PA

* Long term substitute in a third grade regular education classroom that included emotional support and learning support students.
* Administered the PSSA’s in Math and Reading after thorough completion of training.
* Ensured smooth transition for the students and worked collaboratively with the teacher to ensure implementation of curriculum.
* Collaborated with the grade level team and learning support co-taught teacher in lesson preparation in correspondence with curriculum.
* Provided the tools necessary to meet the learning goals of those students with IEPs and emotional support needs.

**Instructional Paraprofessional, Evergreen Elementary School** Aug 2014 – Present

* Full time employee who works with individual students and small groups of students to reinforce

learning of materials or skills, specifically in reading and math.

* Collaborates with staff in devising special strategies for reinforcing learning materials and skills based on an understanding of individual students, their needs, interests, and abilities.
* Assists in the effort to successfully maintain students with special needs in an integrated setting, as determined by the IEP / Title 1 / ESL Teams.

**Computer Skills**

* All Microsoft Office Programs
* Prezi
* GoogleDocs
* Weebly
* Google Classroom
* Gmail

**Involvement**

Middle School Girls Basketball Coach November 2016-Present

Middle School Girls Softball Coach March 2017-Present

Tutor, Elementary Level Reading and Math Jan 2017-Present

Gifted Boot Camp (MCIU) Jan 2017

Teacher Induction Program (PVSD) Aug 2016-May 2017

Girls on the Run Coach Jan 2015-Present

Community Education, After School Sports October 2015-Present

Child Caregiver Sept 2010-Present

Reading Olympics Mar 2015-Present

CPR & AED Certified Feb 2015

Executive Leadership Retreat at Camp Saginaw Sept 2008

Community Coach, Lower Perkiomen Little League March – July 2011

West Chester Association of the Education of Young Children 2009-2012

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**References**

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Alexandra Pixton – Mentor, Evergreen Elementary – [apixton@pvsd.org](mailto:apixton@pvsd.org)

Denise Houser – 4th Grade Teacher, Evergreen Elementary – [dhouser@pvsd.org](mailto:dhouser@pvsd.org)

Dave D’Andrea – South Elementary Principal – 610-489-2991 – [ddandrea@pvsd.org](mailto:ddandrea@pvsd.org)

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Dennis Brown – East Goshen Elementary Principal – 484-266-1500 - debrown@wcasd.net