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Dear Ms. West:

I am delighted to be applying for the teaching position at Field Elementary School. As a longstanding employee of PCCS in a support staff capacity, I am thrilled at the possibility of teaching in my own classroom within the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, which I consider home. Working with children has always been a passion of mine and promoting lifelong learning is extremely rewarding.

Currently, I hold a Michigan Teaching Certificate with an endorsement in language arts. As my cooperating teacher would agree, my student teaching experience was successful. Not only did I become familiar with the elementary curriculum, I collaborated with the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team to design cross-curriculum projects. For example, we created lessons for "wax museum" speeches, which included writing, technology and social studies. Student teaching confirmed for me that teaching is where I belong.

Moreover, my 11 years' worth of experience as an English Learner Paraprofessional with PCCS has proven priceless. In that role, I scaffolded instruction for kindergarten to 5th grade students at varying instructional levels. Also, as former EL Coach Susie Castro could attest, I am skillful in working with a diverse population, including students with zero-English, special needs, and atrisk students. Furthermore, I had the unique opportunity to unofficially observe various teaching styles, techniques and behavior management systems. I compared and contrasted real life methods that worked or failed for instruction and behavior management and noticed what gave successful teachers the edge to have greater outcomes. Such valuable exposure helps me to select and use best practices that cannot be learned from a textbook.

Overall, I am confident that I would be a valued and hardworking member of the Eagles staff. My qualifications, skills and achievements, as well as my loyalty to PCCS, match well with this teaching position. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Kind Regards,

Maggie Wunderlich Enclosures