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Dear Principal:

I am very interested in obtaining a full-time English teaching position at your school beginning in the fall of 2018. I am an experienced teacher, and I have both a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in English. Most of my teaching experience has been in Iowa, but I am originally from Minnesota, and I would like to return to my home state to be closer to my family.

For the past seven years I have been teaching on the high school level in Iowa. In graduate school at Minnesota State University, Mankato, I taught College English Composition part-time for two year years. As I have a Master's degree in English, if needed, I could teach Concurrent/Dual Credit college level English courses and also Advanced Placement English Composition or Literature. I am also certified in Spanish and Talented & Gifted Education.

For three years at Burlington Community High School in Iowa I taught 9th and 10th grade English. Each year at Burlington High School, in addition to traditional English courses, I also taught one or two sections of English for students with Learning Disabilities. During my last year in Burlington I was nominated for the 2014 Teacher of the Year Award.

For one year I taught Spanish and Concurrent/Dual Credit College English Composition I & II at North Polk High School in Iowa.

For the past three years I have been teaching Spanish I & II and Talented & Gifted students at Oskaloosa High School in Iowa. Last year I was a presenter at the Iowa State Young Writers' Conference at William Penn University.

I have enjoyed teaching on both the high school and the college level. Here are some of the anonymous comments from my student evaluations:

***"She is good at teaching." "Very fair." "Explains things clearly." "Gives good examples."
"Open minded." "Fun." "Organized." "Knowledgeable." "Intelligent."***

***"Knows her information." "Gives good feedback." "Good at getting students involved."
"Honestly, this is the best class I have ever taken."***

"She got me more interested in things in the outside world."

*“She is very understanding and helpful when something needs to be explained in class.”
“Clear instructions, helpful grading and evaluating.” “Grading was fair and well done.” “She is a good teacher and she explains things thoroughly.”*

“Very outgoing teacher with a lot of enthusiasm. It was very clear that our teacher knew a lot about writing.” “Very helpful with papers.” “Her major strength is that she is a writer, so she knows how to teach us good writing techniques.”

I am an enthusiastic teacher who is committed to excellence in teaching. I strive to make my classes interesting by using active and experiential student-centered learning strategies. Currently all of the students at my high school have lap top computers, and I enjoy using new technologies to enhance student learning. I have had extensive experience in curriculum development and learning assessment. I have also had the opportunity to teach students who are both culturally and academically diverse. While some of the students I taught have had developmental learning needs, others have been advanced learners like the gifted students I am currently teaching or the young women in the WISE (Women in Science and Engineering) learning community that I taught at MNSU, Mankato.

Since completing my Master’s degree in English, I have taken 17 additional graduate credits with a GPA of 4.0. At Iowa State University I took a three credit course on **Teaching Struggling Adolescent Readers**. At the University of Wisconsin I took a two credit graduate course on **Teaching American Indian Students**, and at the University of Iowa I took twelve graduate education credits to complete my **Talented and Gifted** endorsement. Last summer I attended the University of Iowa Advanced Placement Teacher Training Institute and become certified to teach **AP English Literature and Composition**.

Thank you very much for considering my application for an English teaching position at your school.

Sincerely,

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