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To Whom It May Concern:

After a traumatizing experience that involved an extensive brain surgery and rehabilitation, I decided I wanted to make a lifestyle change. Teaching is something I have always had a passion for and an intrigue, but never had the courage to pursue it as a profession. That is, until I defied odds that were stacked against me. After a year or so of rehabilitation and healing, I decided to get some more education with a goal of becoming a teacher and pursuing a lifelong dream of mine.

While a student at Minnesota State University-Mankato, I spent 100 clinical hours inside classrooms at Mankato East High School, LeSueur Henderson Middle School, and St. Peter High School before student teaching full time at St. Peter Middle School in 7th and 8th grade English Language Arts classrooms. Following my completion of my degree, I accepted a position as a long term substitute as a 7th grade English teacher at Hidden Oaks Middle School in Prior Lake. These experiences have not only given me the opportunity to teach comprehensive standards-based lessons, but they have taught me various classroom management and behavior expectation skills for a large number of students, all with varied learning styles and capabilities.

Teaching is a profession I have always admired. While my journey to become a teacher was slightly more hectic than most, I know that I was meant to educate for the rest of my given life based on my excitement every single morning on my way to school. My classroom environment matches my personality: entertaining and productive. My goal each day is to ensure that each student not only learns something, but is excited to learn and has fun in the process! Because I am so dedicated to this profession, and because I love what I do, I have found my students to enjoy coming to my classroom each day.

Based on my experience, knowledge, and passion for teaching, I know I would be an ideal candidate for a teaching position. I am an extremely hard worker, and find myself very easy to work with because of my sense of humor and outgoing personality. I would be happy to answer any additional questions you may have. I have additional references upon request. Please feel free to contact me via phone or email. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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