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Dr. Robert Johnson

Superintendent of Schools

Campbell County Schools

684 Village Hwy

Rustburg, VA 24588

Dear Dr. Robert Johnson,

I am contacting you in regards to a Secondary English position that will become available at Rustburg High School in the following school year. A former teacher of mine, Mrs. Slate, informed me that one of the current teachers is retiring and ushered me to apply.

I will be graduating this spring from Longwood University with a degree in English and licensure to teach secondary education. While I have not yet student taught through the teacher preparation program at Longwood University, I have student taught through other programs. In 2014 I enrolled in the program Teachers for Tomorrow where I taught middle and elementary school children. I also logged over 40 hours of student teaching in an education course at Central Virginia Community College (CVCC) where I taught high school students. Not only am I qualified for this job, I am very passionate about teaching and I am very excited about this opportunity.

Between the years 2013 and 2016 I spent a lot of time volunteering at a special needs program in Lynchburg Virginia. My brother attended the Laurel Regional Program and I would frequently volunteer to help students and teachers during field days and other social activities. This opportunity helped me gain new knowledge and experience when working with special needs children across all spectrums. The students that I had the pleasure of working with were on the more extreme side of the spectrum so it was important for me to learn and understand their needs physically and emotionally. Many educators and future educators are not so lucky to have this opportunity so I believe that it makes me an asset.

I hope that I am considered for this position. I have always wanted to teach alongside the teachers that taught me and impact my students the way my students did. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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**EDUCATION**

Central Virginia Community College

Associates Degree in Education 2016

Longwood University

Bachelor's Degree in English

Secondary Education Licensure Pending 2020

**CERTIFICATIONS**

CPR 2012

**EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**

Public Partnerships 2012-2017

I performed physical therapy on a child for several years, had to give medications, and deal with his multiple health issues such as epilepsy. I am experienced when dealing with special needs students and students with learning delays. I also had to interact with the parents on a regular basis, informing them of the progress of their child and any issues and successes that he may be having.

Quik-e Foods 2018-Present

This job has prepared me to deal with multiple types of people. I never know what kind of customer I will encounter that day and I have to adapt my attitude and remain calm in stressful situations. I think these are great skills to have when going into the educational profession.

**EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Teachers for Tomorrow 2013-2014

This class offered me the opportunity to teach students while still in a high school setting.

I was able to teach both elementary and middle school aged children, planning lessons,

and work with students one-on-one.

Education AA&S 2015-2016

While taking this class at CVCC it was mandatory that I log hours observing and

teaching a high school english class. Since I had taken this class while I was in high

school, I was familiar with the curriculum and therefore was able to work with the

students on a more professional level instead of simply observing. This class particularly

helped me to understand what it was like to teach high school students since that is my

area of concentration.

**VOLUNTEER WORK**

Relay for Life 2014-2017

Campbell County, VA

Nelson County, VA

Laurel Regional Program 2014-2017

School Assistant for Fundraisers

Assistant Field Day Operator