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Dr. W.C. Peabody

Director of Instruction

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8115 Gatehouse Road

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**Dear Dr. W.C. Peabody:**

I am very interested in this position as an English teacher because of the wonderful praises I have heard about Fairfax county, like how there has been an implementation of interventions and specialized reading instruction, particularly for students with dyslexia. After researching Fairfax county more, I heavily support the idea that you believe general educators and special educators should have access to scheduling training opportunities on specialized reading programs throughout the school year. After hearing about the opening, I was thrilled to apply.

To have an opportunity to teach children how essential writing is would be a rewarding and worthwhile experience. Writing is a transferrable skill that can be used anywhere you go, whether that be making a grocery list or writing a letter to a friend. Writing influences others and creates the use of critical thinking and problem solving. I want to share with my students the importance of writing and how we use it to actively and effectively communicate with the ones around us. I also want my students to understand that to get better at writing, they must develop a sense of resiliency and empathy. I am an individual who encourages and promotes diversity and collaboration in my classroom and work environment by openly and actively listening to others, as well as being an advocator for those who need it. By doing all of this, I will provide work samples of different types of writing such as a rhetorical analysis for my students so they can be exposed to a diverse selection of the various styles and sources needed to create strong work.

Sincerely,

Mercedes L. Hodges