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Dear School Administrator,

 I am writing to apply for a student teaching position in your district. Becoming a teacher has been a passion of mine ever since I can remember. Many of my elementary school teachers have positively impacted my education and also my real life. Seeing how much a teacher can impact a student and being able to leave my mark on a new generation really piqued my interest in possibly going into teaching one day. Fast forward a decade or so, being an elementary education student at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, I want to take my passion of teaching and combine it with the instructional experience I have gained in college to become a well-rounded teacher. I would really appreciate a student teaching assignment in the spring of 2022 at your elementary school to further my experience in the classroom and to gain knowledge to become an experienced teacher. I am eager to work with a diverse group of students with a range of academic levels. I feel strongly that understanding the needs of my students individually as well as the classroom as a whole, will provide a strong basis for my teaching career.

I was a practicum student in the Fall of 2020 at Local Elementary School in Urbana, Illinois and I was in the classroom once a week. I worked with students that were struggling and needed a more individualized approach to learning the material. I worked closely with one girl who was not able to get the individual attention she needed to help her understand the material. Through working with her, I have realized the importance of getting to know students and their needs in the classroom. I was able to figure out that she needs a quiet environment when she works through math problems. I also learned she has a hard time when steps are explained quickly, and therefore she gets lost. Through this experience, I have learned to demonstrate flexibility in the way that I teach concepts. I tailored my teaching in a way that fit her understanding the best.

As a teacher, I feel that it is very important to have an organized classroom. This carries over to lessons, and the method of tracking student progress. I can bring structure and organization into my student teaching because I am very organized with my schoolwork and can carry this quality over into the classroom. Enforcing rules and expectations in the classroom is necessary for students to know what is expected of them. I can bring a disciplined environment to the classroom where all students know where they stand and can then monitor their own behavior based on stated expectations. A teaching goal that resonates with me is the ability to listen to students and to understand where they are coming from. I am always available to listen to my students and I have the patience to dig deep into what they are trying to tell me. I believe listening to students fosters a better relationship and a better learning environment where everyone feels heard.

I would be honored to have the opportunity to student teach in your school district. This would further enrich my experiences in the classroom, ultimately gaining the experience needed to become the teacher I want to be. I possess the qualities that will add value to your school district. Please feel free to contact me at (555) 555-5555 or studentteacher2@illinois.edu. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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