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**Dear Hiring Committee,**

I am excited to apply for an elementary teaching position, bringing a strong foundation in student-centered instruction, classroom management, and differentiated learning. With certification in Elementary Education (Grades 3-6) and a K-12 ESL endorsement, I am eager to create a welcoming and engaging learning environment where all students can thrive.

### Why I Teach

* I believe learning should be meaningful and connected to students’ lives. My lesson planning prioritizes **real-world connections** and storytelling to enhance student engagement. When teaching history, for example, I present content in a way that allows students to relate it to their own experiences, leading to deeper understanding and discussion.
* Adaptability is at the core of my teaching philosophy. I have refined my ability to **modify lessons in real time**, ensuring that instruction meets the diverse needs of my students.
* Supporting multilingual learners is a key focus of my practice. I utilize **students’ first languages as assets in learning**, apply WIDA score insights, and scaffold instruction to provide equitable access to content.

### My Teaching Approach

* **Instruction & Engagement:** Designed and implemented standards-aligned lessons in math, literacy, social studies, and science across various grade levels.
* **Classroom Culture:** Foster positive behavior and participation through structured routines and engaging teaching strategies.
* **Technology Integration:** Utilize platforms such as Google Classroom, Schoology, and interactive tools to support learning and collaboration.
* **Professional Growth:** Actively engage in professional development to implement best practices in literacy, differentiated instruction, and student engagement.

I am eager to contribute my enthusiasm and instructional skills to a dedicated teaching team. I would welcome the opportunity to further discuss how I can support student success at your school. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Sincerely,**

Meghan Hingst