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Dear Sir or Madam:

When I was in high school, I had great teachers. They were clear, they were engaging, and they really cared about every single student that walked into their classroom. In comparison, I knew of teachers that would sit in their rooms and watch Netflix for the duration of their class period instead of teach and because of tenure, nothing could be done about it. Granted, that's in California, but seeing the difference it made for others and for myself, I was inspired to join the field of education and try to become a teacher that would really care about their students.

To me, math is an art on the same plane as music, and I believe that with the right tools, anyone can learn and dare I say enjoy learning math. I had the pleasure of tutoring a couple of middle schoolers over this past summer in math, preparing them for the upcoming school year. I also have enjoyed having a piano student for the past seven months, which has taught me about instilling strong fundamentals, which should apply to any field of study. I really enjoyed helping these students reach new levels of comprehension and being able to show them that math/music is not as difficult as they think it is. Sometimes it would take three or four different explanations to find the one that resonated with the student, but I was happy to come up with new ideas to facilitate comprehension.

In my math experiences, I have had one practicum in a flipped classroom, one in a direct instruction classroom heavily centered on group work, and my student teaching experience got to be in a classroom differentiated by proficiency. With these three different math classroom experiences in my back pocket, I hope to be able to discern within my own classroom the best mode of teaching that will help my students to succeed, and tailor my classroom to each class's specific needs. In music I have a drive for choirs, especially at the middle and high school levels. I have a deep love of finding the beauty in music, and I would strive to help my students catch a glimpse of that beauty within my classroom. I hope that if I have the opportunity to teach your students that I can teach the whole student and give them the confidence to say, "I can do this" to any challenge they encounter. Furthermore, I have been teaching in my own classroom in Wing, ND for over a ~~year~~ now and have seen incredible results with the students I have been working with. Being on your own in a classroom teaches you more than any practicum, student teaching experience or class ever will.

I am looking forward to hearing from you. Please feel free to contact me at my listed phone number or email address if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Kolbe Schanzenbach