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Dear Potential Employer:

I am eagerly awaiting the opportunity to begin teaching. As a instrumental and vocal music education major, I have a wide range of musical experiences in the field of K-12 music. I look forward to working with you and making music with your students.

Since my early elementary years, I've had a passion for music. As I grew older, I wanted to share my gift with others through performances on voice and clarinet in my home community and for family gatherings. These opportunities lead me to giving lessons to beginning students in our music program in my last two years of high school. All of these aspects lead me to pursue a degree in music education.

Professionally, I am currently teaching with the Aberdeen Roncalli Schools in the areas of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade band and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade general music. I also give private lessons to woodwind players from grades 5-12 and percussionists in grades 5-6. Overall, I have found teaching to be a wonderful, rewarding experience. I love when I see my students succeed both in the classroom and one-on-one. When my students struggle, I use whatever resources I can find to work on the skills they need to succeed both as an individual performer and as part of an ensemble.

When working with students, I want to help them succeed in music both at an individual level and as an ensemble. I love working with students one-on-one and differentiating my instruction to build on their strengths. Having these individuals bring their strengths and knowledge together to create music is my main goal in a general ensemble. That new creation is an exciting possibility, and I anticipate a chance to create with your students.

Thank you for considering me for employment. Feel free to use the information above to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

John Patzlaff