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Dear Board Members,

I am inquiring about an occasional teaching position. My qualifications are in the primary and junior divisions from Nipissing University. I received my Bachelor of Arts in Psychology-4 years from Laurentian University, and completed additional courses in Psychology and Humanities at Cambrian College.

This year I plan on taking Special Education Part 1 to further my professional development, as well as any workshops, meetings, and conferences that I may attend. I have completed my pre-service teaching in split grades 2/3, and 3/4 at Central Avenue Public School in Elliot Lake and Blind River Public School in Blind River. Currently, I am an Educational Assistant for the Algoma District School Board and serving a LTO at Central Avenue Public School with the Early Learning Kindergarten Program. During this experience I found I grew a lot professionally and it has made me ready for the educational world. In a classroom I have a high commitment to students and their learning by building a strong community. I believe it is important to involve the students in their own learning through a collaborative partnership in order to achieve the students’ full potential. By creating engaging lessons, inquiry and discovery based learning, differentiating instruction, success criteria, learning goals, good communication between teachers, parents and the community, and assessment for learning and as learning leads to the most optimal education for students.

During my own educational and professional development I found an ideal classroom would incorporate the beliefs of TRIBES, which also connects to my own philosophy of education. TRIBES’ values centre on mutual respect, rights, attentive listening and appreciation. These values help build a strong community in the classroom which helps build a safe and secure environment where students can reach their full potential. I also believe it is essential to collaborate with the students, community and fellow teachers to share resources to create the highest quality of education.

I believe I am a qualified candidate because of my education, experience, continuous professional development and philosophy. I am committed to quality education and care with a commitment to students. Thank you for considering me for this position.

Sincerely,

Shannon Connelly, OCT