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OBJECTIVE

To be a caring and professional educator in K-8 education that is inspirational and influential while promoting personal and academic excellence.

HIGHLIGHTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Highly qualified to teach elementary education ZG (K-5 all subjects, K-8 self contained), with endorsements in mathematics (elementary) EX, and integrated science (elementary) DI, pending
- Michigan Literacy Progress Profile (MLPP) certified, grades 3-5
- Experience in group instruction and one-on-one tutoring
- Four years experience in the design and implementation of various after school enrichment programs in math, science, reading, writing, and community service reaching 200 students in grades K-5
- Experience in the initiation and implementation of various school-wide assemblies, family fun nights and workshops
- Public speaking experience with small and large groups, teacher conferences, parent-teacher organizational meetings and school assemblies
- Highly motivated and dedicated educator who is passionate about the success of *all* students
- Strong leadership in a variety of roles
- Exceptional ability to establish relationships with students, parents and colleagues
- At ease with technology and many applications in educational settings
- Passionate about, and committed to, education as a lifelong process!

EDUCATION and CERTIFICATIONS

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Teacher Preparation, GPA 4.0, December 2009, pending

Eastern Michigan University, Lansing, MI (dates of attendance: 1/05 – 12/09)

Minors: Mathematics, Integrated Science, Structure of the Disciplines

Provisional Teaching Certificate, State of Michigan, pending

Elementary (ZG) - K-5, all subjects; K-8, self contained

Mathematics Endorsement (EX), Elementary, pending

Integrated Science Endorsement (DI), Elementary

MLPP Grades 3-5 Teacher Certification, August 2008, Oakland County Schools

Reading Workshop, Writing Workshop, DRA Assessment, Power of Talk

CPR/First Aid/AED – American Heart Association, April 2009, Eastern Michigan University

Bachelors in Business Administration; cum laude, GPA 3.79, major GPA 4.0; March 1987

State University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA; Major: Accounting

Certified Public Accountant, State of Georgia, 1987

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 5/09 **Dr. Everett L. Marshall Scholarship**, Department of Teacher Education, EMU
- 5/09 **Scholarship**, Detroit Area Council of Teachers of Mathematics
- 3/09 **Outstanding Achievement Award for Excellence in Elementary Mathematics Education** – Eastern Michigan University
- 4/06 **Outstanding Supplemental Instruction Leader** – Eastern Michigan University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 9/09-12/09 **Student Teacher** – pending - scheduled fall 2009 – Kent Lake Elementary 5th gr.
- 5/09-6/09 **Early College Alliance Math and Study Skills Instructor**, Eastern Michigan Univ.
Developed and taught a math class including units on problem-solving; fractions, decimals and percents; ratios and proportions; and solving linear equations.
Team taught a study skills class including units on time management, note-taking, and test-taking.
- 2/09-5/09 **GED Math Instructor**, Eastern Michigan University
Developed and taught a GED computer-based math class to a group of young adults from the Young Detroit Builders through a Michigan Campus Compact Grant with EMU
Taught math lessons in all content areas corresponding with 5th grade to 7th grade GLCEs
Created a website for students to access virtual manipulatives and online math practice.
- 9/07-6/08 **EMU Pre-Student Teacher**, various locations, grades 2-5
Taught a science inquiry lesson on animal adaptations to a group of 5th graders
Created a “Multiplication on Safari” math center for a class of 3rd graders
Conducted DRAs and guided reading assessments for students in 4th grade
Taught a small group mini-lesson on a reading comprehension strategy to 4th graders
Participated in whole-group, small-group, and one-on-one instruction of 2nd graders

- 8/07 **Presenter** – Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Conference, Holt, MI
Presented “*Math around the World:*” an after school math club to teachers for grades 3-5.
- 1/06-3/07 **Math and Science Teacher** - Heritage Home Educators, South Lyon, MI.
Planned, prepared and taught “*Geometry and Measurement,*” “*Math around the World,*”
and “*Integrated Science*” enrichment classes for 1st-3rd graders and 4th-7th graders.
- 9/05-12/05 **Supplemental Instructor, Physics** – Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI
Led supplemental instruction in *physics for elementary teachers* for college students.
- 1/88-2/88 **Junior Achievement Instructor** – Deloitte & Touche; Atlanta, GA

RELATED EXPERIENCE EDUCATING/MENTORING YOUNG PEOPLE

- 9/05-06/09 **Committee Member, Shared Involvement Process (SIP)**, Hardy Elem., South Lyon, MI
Participated in the shared involvement of teachers, parents and administrators to improve
and enhance student performance
- 9/05-3/09 **Leader, After School Programs**, Hardy Elementary, South Lyon, MI
Developed and led the following after school programs for K-5 students:
 - *Multiplication on Safari* – math event focusing on multiplication for 3rd-4th graders
 - *Build a Board Workshop* – board game creation based on books for 3rd-5th graders
 - *I Scream for Books!* – celebration of reading for 1st and 2nd graders
 - *Jammin’ with Geometry* – math event focusing on geometry for 1st and 2nd graders
 - *Adopt a Grandfriend* – community service program for 2nd and 3rd graders
 - *Math around the World* – math club for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders
 - *Young Scientist’s Day* – science day for kindergarteners and 1st graders
 - *Science Club* – science club for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders
- 10/06-11/08 **Coordinator, School-wide Assemblies and Workshops**, Hardy Elem., South Lyon, MI
Initiated and coordinated the following school wide assemblies and workshops:
 - *Nature’s Kennel* – assembly by an Iditarod sled team on teamwork
 - *Leader Dogs for the Blind* - assembly and fundraiser
 - *Family Math Night* – family fun night hosted by Learning Gizmos
 - *Family Outreach Writing Workshops (EMWP)* – parent and family workshops
- 11/06 **Volunteer, Disability Awareness Workshop**–Centennial Middle School, South Lyon, MI
- 9/04-5/05 **Volunteer, Adopt-A-Reader** – Hardy Elementary, South Lyon, MI

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- 12/01-7/04 **Employer of Record, Individual with Cognitive Impairment** - The ARC of Oakland
County, Troy, MI
- 7/87-4/01 **Accounting Consultant, Senior Accountant, Senior Auditor, Financial
Reporting Accountant** – MCN Energy Group Inc., Detroit, MI; Deloitte &
Touche, Detroit, MI and Atlanta, GA; Summit Communications, Atlanta, GA.

TECHNOLOGY SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

Proficient in various software programs and Internet resources including: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Inspiration, GradeKeeper, RubiStar, KompoZer, Audacity, FileZilla, and iMovie

Prepared an electronic technology portfolio in conjunction with the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) National Education Technology Standards (NETS) for Teachers

Skilled in Web 2.0 tools and how they may be applied in an educational setting:

- **Blogging** – created a blog for teachers -“*Tech Tools for Teachers*”
- **Website development** – created, designed and updated school PTO website using TeacherWeb
- **Website development and training** - Conducted mini-workshops for teachers on the creation of websites using TeacherWeb
- **Podcasting** – Self-taught in the use of Audacity; trained EMU peers
- **Webquesting** - Created a *webquesting* cooperative lesson for 4th/5th graders
- **Wikis** – created a writing wiki for 4th/5th graders; created a sample virtual book club for 4th/5th graders

Reference electronic portfolio for more details: <http://my.classcentral.com/LPWeakland>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Reflective in the teaching practice and committed to professional development. Events stemming back to September 2005 include:

- **A Day With Lucy Calkins: The Reading Workshop** – Oakland County Schools (11/08)
- **DACTM Annual Conference** - Detroit Area Council of Teachers of Mathematics (11/08, 11/07, 11/06, 11/05)
- **ELA MEAP Units of Study** – Oakland County Schools (8/08)
- **MLPP Grades 3-5 Teacher Certification** - Oakland County Schools (8/08)
- **MRA Annual Conference** – Michigan Reading Association (3/08)
- **Trudy Ludwig Workshop on Emotional Bullying** – So. Lyon Community Schools (3/08)
- **Democracy In Our Wiki-World Symposium** – EMU (1/08)
- **EMU Best Practices Conference 2008**, Featuring Deborah Meier (1/08)
- **Tap into Writing Workshops for Teachers** – Eastern Michigan Writing Project (EMWP) (9/07)
- **MCTM 58th Annual Conference** – Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics (8/07)
- **A Day Long Workshop with Mel Levine** (Differentiated Instruction), Metro Parent (3/07)
- **Power Point Training** – FUMC (1/07)
- **How to Help Your Child with Writing Workshop** – EMWP (4/06)
- **Mathematics Education Conference** – Eastern Michigan University and MCTM (4/06)
- **Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum Professional Development Workshops** (11/05 – 3/06)
- **Sally Ride Science Festival Professional Development Workshop** (9/05)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

6/09-present Member, *Metro Detroit Science Teachers Association* (MDSTA)

8/07-present Member, *Michigan Reading Association* (MRA)

4/05-present Member, *Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics* (MCTM)

11/05-present Member, *Detroit Area Council of Teachers of Mathematics* (DACTM)

References and Letters of Recommendation Available Upon Request