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I am writing to express my interest in applying to serve as a Cooperating Teacher/TEAM Mentor. I currently hold a Provisional Educator Certificate (K-6) and have been working in the Bristol Public Schools for a total of 4 years. During my first year in Bristol I served as the literacy intern and the subsequent three years I have been serving as a fourth grade teacher at Stafford School. Prior to joining the Bristol Public Schools I worked as a fourth grade teacher in both Farmington and Cromwell.

Since I had the opportunity to teach in more than one district I have personally experienced what new teachers feel when joining a district. I worked closely with mentors, submitted all of the necessary paperwork to complete the TEAM process, and have firsthand experience with both formal and informal observations. My experience in each district has helped me to be more reflective of my teaching, and has given me the opportunity to further develop my knowledge of best teaching practices, effective classroom management strategies, and how to collaborate with other staff, including but not limited to coaches, instructional support teachers, classroom teachers, special education, social worker, school psychologist.

For the past two years I have had the privilege of mentoring students within the NextGen Educators program here in Bristol. It has been a very rewarding experience to give students who are interested in becoming teachers the opportunity to have real world experience in the classroom. Through this work I have been able to better understand the importance of giving positive yet constructive feedback, sharing resources, and setting aside time to have professional conversations in which I can answer any and all questions.

In addition, I serve as school-wide chair for Stafford's Climate Committee and participate on the District Climate and Culture Committee. I have also participated in the district's professional development work that centered around the Universal Design for Learning module.

I feel that my compassion, attention to detail, and passion for teaching and learning make me a prime candidate to serve as a Cooperating Teacher/TEAM mentor. I understand that it will be my role and responsibility as a mentor to provide a new teacher with the guidance, support, and resources that they need to be successful in all aspects of teaching, including but not limited to literacy, mathematics, social studies, science, word study, social emotional learning, classroom management, data collection and analysis, collaboration with staff.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Adinolfi