Christine Sokolowski Mountain View Elementary School Fifth Grade March 6, 2024

To Whom it may Concern,

I would like to be trained as a mentor/cooperating teacher because I want to help a student or beginning teacher on their professional journey. I have learned so much now that this is my tenth year teaching. I want to be able to share all of the vital information I have learned from my own experiences to help someone who is passionate about education.

I feel as if I have a lot to offer a student or beginning teacher on their professional journey. I currently hold a provisional educator certificate. I have nine full years of teaching experience in Bristol, CT. This is my tenth year teaching. I taught for three and a half years in third grade, three and a half years in fourth grade, and this is my third year teaching fifth grade. I have experience across several grade levels. I feel as if I effectively teach lessons across all content areas as defined by the *Connecticut Common Core of Teaching*. I also feel as if I am ready and excited to work with a new teacher to show them how amazing this profession is. I love working cooperatively with other teachers in my building as well as I feel like I am ready to work cooperatively with a new teacher to help them as they grow professionally. I also feel as if I am a very enthusiastic, positive, thoughtful, and thorough teacher. I enjoy helping my students find goals and areas that they want to improve on with their learning. I think all of the qualities listed above are beneficial to help me be successful when I am training a new teacher.

I feel as if I can relate to adult learners because I understand what they are going through as they are learning about this new profession. I remember when I was student teaching I wanted to learn everything about teaching, instruction, transitions, etc. I think I will be helpful to a new teacher to explain thoroughly all of the information I possibly can about teaching.

I am committed to helping a new teacher learn the tools and strategies to effectively teach lessons to meet the needs of all students. I learned so much when I was a student teacher that I want to be able to help a new teacher learn and improve areas to help them effectively teach. I want to help a new teacher reflect on areas of their teaching and help them achieve their goals to be a professional educator.

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