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Director  
Human Resources  
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am most interested in the full-time teaching position with Beaufort County School District as a Social Studies Teacher, specifically I am interested and have applied for positions Id # 8080 at Battery Creek High School; Id # 8119 at Bluffton High School; and, Id # 8142 at Hilton Head High School. I am very well qualified for this position; and, additionally, I can teach in several areas: Economics, AP Economics, IB Economics, American History, AP Government and AP Psychology; and, I possess a current Arizona State Department of Education Teaching certification Id # 4455165, K6 - 12 (confirmed in June 2014).

While completing my master's degree in Secondary Education, I successfully completed my Student Teaching Program at Arcadia High School, under Clayton Guy, Department Chair, teaching AP Economics, Honors Economics, AP Government, and AP Psychology. This experience allowed me to successfully carry my learned skills into the classroom as a full-time teacher.

I hold a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Arizona, a Master of Arts in Secondary Education from the University of Phoenix (confirmed in February, 2014), an additional 68 units of post graduate studies in the business administration, economics and marketing, a current State of Arizona Fingerprint Level One Clearance, and most recently, I passed both the SUSD and DVUSD Background Checks prior to my Student Teaching Program. Additionally, I have AEPA Highly Qualified test results for Economics and Government, and I have successfully passed the NES Professional Skills Test. Plus, having successfully passed their training programs, I am College Board Certified in AP Economics, AP Government, and International Baccalaureate Certified in IB Economics.

Beginning in August of 2014, I held a full-time position with Scottsdale Unified School District, Desert Mountain High School, teaching: Economics, AP Economics, IB Economics and American History. Unfortunately, there was a Reduction in Force and I was notified that SUSD would only be able to offer me a part time position at .8, which I turned down as I was only interested in a full-time teaching position.

Fortunately, I was able to immediately secure a full-time teaching position with the Cave Creek Unified School District at Cactus Shadows High School, teaching: AP Government, regular Government, and American History. After completing my third year with Cactus Shadows, I have been offered another contract to continue and am scheduled to begin my fourth year with Cactus Shadows this coming August. This will begin my sixth year of teaching several social studies classes from the general level to AP and IB levels.

My experiences as a corporate business leader, tutor, and classroom teacher have afforded me the opportunity to interact with diverse populations, both business colleagues and students, and engage them in learning, using teaching methods that coincide with the Universal Design for Learning, including and providing high-interest learning materials, multiple means of assessment and instruction, as well as the careful modeling and scaffolding of new skills, I strive to ensure that every student achieves the excellence and success level that they are capable of achieving. In addition to believing that *every* student deserves and can achieve success, I am passionate about preparing students for the globalized world that they will undoubtedly face as they grow to be adults.

My lessons utilize all technology that is available, giving my students an education in common technological uses including professional writing and presentations, internet research, web design, and proper people-to-people communication. My students are also encouraged to use and create podcasts, web quests, videos and other similar activities as part of their authentic learning experience; this engages them in the subject matter and teaches them valuable real-world skills.

Through my previous experience in business and management leadership with Fortune 50 organizations, I understand the importance of motivation and possessing excellent listening, time management and leadership skills. In previous leadership positions, while training my staff, I created a cohesive team of people from very different backgrounds, modifying my training style to suit the needs of everyone. While serving as the Managing Director of the Haagen-Dazs Company for the Pillsbury Company, I participated as a tutor through a local Minneapolis education program, volunteering each week as a teacher's assistant in local public high schools.

After I retired, my reflection on this experience was one of the main reasons that inspired me to re-evaluate my station in life and return to school to secure a master's degree in secondary education and begin my second career as a high school teacher. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience to further discuss my qualifications as a member of your school's teaching staff.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter