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Jane Smith
Keene Public School District
171 West Street
Keene, NH 03435

Dear Ms. Smith,

I am writing to express my interest in applying for an Elementary School Teaching position with the SAU 29 School District in Keene, NH. Currently, I am a senior at Keene State College and will be graduating in May with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and English. My education and work experience have prepared me to provide outstanding educational experiences to all students and be part of a team helping a school district achieve academic excellence.

Through my methods coursework and student teaching, I have developed the skills to teach to a diverse range of students. I am currently completing my student teaching at Rindge Elementary School in a 5th grade classroom. I have come to realize the importance of developing imaginative lesson plans that combine traditional classroom instruction with the use of technology and web-based research. As part of student teaching, I created an integrated English and Social Studies lesson using the book *Anne Frank, The Diary of a Young Girl*. Students created video diaries recording their thoughts about the book and their research processes as they prepared to write a paper on a person or event of importance during World War II. The use of technology and a hands-on approach to learning created a stimulating learning environment and academically engaged students.

Sharing the joy of reading as well as improving children's reading skills is my passion. While a student at Keene State College, I oversaw a book drive which collected over 1,000 books to be donated to local school children. After the book drive, I was able to organize a Reading Improvement Center at a local elementary school which was staffed by volunteers from Keene State's education program.

I look forward to beginning my teaching career and sharing my enthusiasm, knowledge and joy of teaching with the Keene School District. I can be reached at 603-555-5555 or jkurz@YYYY.com to schedule an interview.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Julie Kurz