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To: thread Alaska Organization
Human Resources Department
1908 Old Pioneer Way
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Re: Professional Development Specialist

Greetings,

I am interested in the professional development specialist position with your organization for several reasons.

I taught in the Fairbanks public school system for 19 years, just retiring this year, and have found that many of the gaps students have in their learning stem from attitudes gained as babes. When students experience environments that embrace learning, new ideas, and accepting challenges, the love of learning is internalized.

The reason I chose to go into teaching was to help children learn how to think. I was a foster parent for about five years and found that there were very young teens having children. These young parents were quite intelligent and so were obviously not thinking things through. While I was a foster parent, I volunteered as president of our local support group, bringing training opportunities to foster families. These opportunities helped our foster parents feel more comfortable and confident interacting with the children and with their family members. They also helped them remember that our primary focus was to reunite families and to help us all work through associated issues together. I also volunteered for an organization that distributed event tickets to provide positive experiences for the children in care and their families (birth families especially). I mention these experiences to show my commitment to children and families.

Another reason I am interested in this position is that I enjoy finding resources and strategies to help others reach their goals and beyond. I truly enjoy teaching and approach it with energy and enthusiasm. My teaching experiences have added to my listening, organization, and research skills.

I believe I will be good fit for your organization as our outlook for Alaska's future and its people are along the same lines.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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