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Attention: To whom it may concern,

I am currently working for the Sheikh Zayed Private Academy For Boys (GEMS) here in Abu Dhabi as a Permanent Elementary Grade 5 Teacher. Prior to that for 3 years I had worked as a Permanent Elementary Teacher for the Glenelg School of Abu Dhabi and 2½ years working as a Permanent Teacher for the Abu Dhabi Education Council. During that time, I was also volunteering as an under 9 & under 12 coach with the Abu Dhabi Scorpions Ice Hockey Club. I hold a Bachelor of Education from the University of Windsor and am certified to teach at the Primary/Junior Division. I have worked since 2006 within United Arab Emirates as a Grade 2, 3, 4 and 5 teacher. My responsibilities include teaching all major subject areas (Language, Math, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education etc.) while following several teaching curriculums including Canadian, British, American and New School Model.

Previous to my 10 years in the UAE, I have been employed in Canada with the Peel District School Board as a Fulltime Homeroom and Occasional Teacher. I have also worked for the Halton and Avon Maitland School Boards as an Occasional Teacher.

I am highly organized, efficient and reliable. Outside of school, my broad range of interests includes coaching sports, Muay Thai kickboxing, hockey, and traveling around the world.

To further prepare myself to teach in the multicultural mosaic in today’s schools, much of my employment experiences have been in locations where English is taught as a second language. This process of immersion has contributed greatly to my understanding and appreciation for the intricate processes involved in learning English as a second language. I strongly believe these invaluable experiences will greatly contribute to my ability to develop and implement a literacy program tailored to the needs of ESL learners.

My personal philosophy is that before one can become a good teacher, one must first be a good person. Teachers not only pass on knowledge and skills but also must demonstrate and exert a positive influence on the character development of those entrusted in their care. Possessing high ethical and moral standards, I believe I can be a positive male role model for my students. Team spirit is another attribute I possess. This spirit transcends to my peers, students and parents, thus creating an effective learning environment. I am determined to be part of students' lives: to motivate, support, understand, and to help them work towards realizing their hopes and dreams.

My passion for life long learning is consistent with any schools or business philosophy and will enable me to realize my aspirations of becoming a passionate and effective educator. I believe I am the best candidate for this position and look forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely,

Michael Gabert