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To Whom It May Concern:

I am currently a graduate student at Purdue University, pursuing my Masters in Education. I will complete my coursework in the summer of 2010. I have student teaching experience in junior high and high school mathematics and high school physics in multiple rural districts, as well as extensive tutoring experience in mathematics and science.

As outlined in my enclosed resume, I was accepted as a Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellow in 2009, a program specifically targeted to train mathematics and science teachers for work in rural schools. I currently hold bachelor's degrees in mathematics and physics and will soon complete my licensure requirements to teach both disciplines at the junior high and senior high levels. I have been specifically trained to be effective in rural settings and I have experience working with people from many different walks of life, from the high-class patrons of the Indianapolis Symphony to children in the suburbs of Bangalore.

I love mathematics and physics, and I thoroughly enjoy helping students to succeed. My passion is to teach with the utmost skill, utilizing technology, humor and imagination, so that each and every one of my students will see and appreciate the beauty to be found in math and physics. I believe that this combination would be a great asset to your teaching staff, and having the opportunity to teach at your school would be an honor.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application. You'll find my *résumé* attached, along with a teaching statement. If you have questions, I can be reached at (765) 532-1649, or via email at zb@purdue.edu. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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