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Assistant Professor of Elementary Education Search Committee



Dear Members of the Search Committee:

Please accept my application for Assistant Professor of Elementary Education at [REDACTED]. I am currently completing my dissertation in the Urban Education Program of The Graduate Center of the City University of New York under the supervision of Dr. Jean Anyon, with a scheduled defense date of April 3, 2013. My academic work is rooted in [REDACTED]

here I explain the basis of my research and sum up why I think I'm a good match for the position

My interest in becoming a full-time professor of education stems from my eleven years of experience coaching and teaching students of all ages in New York City. [REDACTED]

then I go on to talk about my teaching and coaching experience in a concrete way

The pedagogical approach and content I used [REDACTED]

in this section, I explain how my experience inspired my research.

[REDACTED] Doing away with cookie-cutter, packaged curricula and replacing textbooks with trade books and chapter books radically shifted the teaching of reading and writing. As I began my research as a doctoral student [REDACTED]

this is where I introduce my dissertation research

As an elementary school teacher, my colleagues and I individually adapted to contradictory working conditions in the absence of opportunities to discuss the gap between policy and practice at the



classroom level

here i explain the historical context of my research study

I am committed to finding ways to utilize up-to-date communication and networking methods in my curricula, pedagogy, and research.

this is where I describe the link in my ressearch to digital pedagogies and methods

lastly, I touch on my teaching philosophy and recap why I think I'd be an asset to the university and program or department

I would be honored to both lead and learn as an Assistant Professor of Elementary Education at [redacted] and join the community of educators and scholars in the [redacted]. I have attached my curriculum vitae, a writing sample, and the contact information for five references. I am available to meet for an interview at your convenience, and can be reached via email at kagreene@gmail.com or phone [redacted]. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,