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Mr. Jim Christensen
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Dear Mr. Christensen,

As a 2018 graduate of Miami University, I am writing to present myself as a highly qualified applicant for the position of Art Teacher at Castle Rock Middle school. I am confident that I possess the skills and abilities to make a significant contribution to the Douglas County School District with my innovative teaching techniques, strong communication skills and highly motivated work ethic.

I believe that a strong education in the arts is vital to the growth and success of each student. I am prepared and have a passion for educating students in an art curriculum and believe that through art I can challenge students to think creatively and critically. I have incorporated these elements into a lesson I taught to a sixth grade class at the middle school where I completed my student teaching. As part of the lesson, the students practiced their writing skills by completing a short story and used their critical thinking skills to read these stories and identify the different parts of a short story. Art history was also incorporated by introducing the students to an influential African-American artist who used the craft of collage to illustrate significant events during the Harlem Renaissance. The students then used these collage techniques to illustrate their own stories. Through this lesson, students with several different learning styles were challenged with excellent results.

While researching the Douglas County School District, I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to a district that has one of the highest levels of achievement in the state of Colorado. I am also excited to work in such an ethnically diverse school district that continues to provide excellent opportunities for all students to thrive. I am confident that I can be an asset to your community by actively creating opportunities for the students in your district to incorporate their knowledge and production of art into the community around them.

I am very excited about the prospect of teaching in the Douglas County School District and I look forward to the possibility of meeting you in the near future. Thank you so much for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Bethany Hughes