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“Mr. McKinney refers to his classroom as a community, which I love. He always makes time for every child and treats them all with respect. That is why his classroom is always under control and a pleasure to visit. His door is always open because he is all about communication.”

-Janine Moscone,
Costello Cardinal Parent

“Grayson is a resourceful, dynamic, and outgoing person, a true leader, and exceptional teacher... not only an exceptional teacher to his current fourth graders, but he also took a professional risk this year by volunteering to be a model classroom. Teachers [from outside and] throughout the district [have] observed his classroom. Not only did these teachers walk away with effective instructional ideas... but they also saw meaningful use of technology to enhance learning. One teacher described this experience as one of the most beneficial professional development sessions she has ever participated in.”

-Tammy DiPonio, Principal of
Costello Elementary School

“His ability to foster positive relationships, use technology to promote learning and communication, and his love for his profession and Spanish all come together to make Grayson McKinney an out- standing teacher of the year, of whom we can all be proud.”

-Pam Balint, Superintendent of
South Lake Schools

OBJECTIVE

To apply for and fill the vacant administrative position in your public school district for the 2016-2017 school year and beyond. I hope to fulfill the duties of the assistant principal position by serving as an extraordinary instructional leader, supporting the development of staff members, and enhancing student engagement. My experience may be limited, but my talent will astound you.

EDUCATION

Oakland University , Rochester, MI Education Specialist, Leadership	Graduated 2016 GPA 3.98
Oakland University , Rochester, MI Master of Education, Educational Studies	Graduated 2011 GPA 3.79
Western Michigan University* , Kalamazoo, MI Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education & Spanish Education	Graduated 2007 GPA 3.82
Universidad de Cantabria , Santander, Spain	Summer 2006

LICENSURE

School Administrator Certificate <i>Elementary & Secondary Administration K-12 (ES)</i>	Issued 2016
Professional Teaching Certificate <i>Elementary K-5 all subjects (K-8 all subjects self-contained classroom) Spanish (FF) 6-8, English (BA) 6-8, Science (DX) 6-8</i>	Issued 2012

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

4th Grade Teacher, Costello Elementary School, Troy, MI	2012-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominated twice in 2013-14 and 2014-15 as outstanding elementary teacher of the year • Performed duties of head-teacher in the absence of building principal, and helped to develop and organize master schedules to guarantee maximum instruction time for students and teachers • Built strong cultures of thinking in the classroom through the use of visible thinking routines as well as promoted the eight cultural forces, as outlined by Dr. Ron Ritchhart • Served in capacity as technology chairperson for my building and district for multiple years • Worked as a part of our school's leadership team, focusing on improving student achievement in math, reading, writing, and overall positive behavior intervention systems in our school • Modeled best practice teaching while hosting educators from within Troy and around Southeast Michigan, demonstrating applications of educational technology in the classroom • Led several seminars of professional development to district teachers to help deepen learning, increase student engagement, and foster collaborative learning in the classroom • Successfully wrote received grants for materials to use in the classroom, including technology equipment, adaptive math computer programs, and literacy materials 	

* Recipient of WMU's highest academic honor, the Medallion Scholarship, and graduated Magna Cum Laude.

Elementary Spanish Teacher, South Lake Schools, St. Clair Shores, MI****2008-2012**

- Created and developed a world language curriculum for students in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade
- Developed the scope and sequence for the program and implemented highly engaging lessons to help students meet the national standards for foreign language education
- Named South Lake's Elementary Teacher of the Year in 2012, after being nominated by principals, colleagues, parents, and students
- Worked in four different buildings during a week and serviced approximately 800 students per year in grades Kindergarten through 6th
- By creating this world language program, helped our school to comply with the "Language B" requirements set forth by the International Baccalaureate Organization as we embarked on the quest to become a Primary Years Programme school
- Differentiated work, assessments, and instruction for a diverse range of learners including English Language Learners and students with special needs

5th / 6th Grade Multiage Teacher, Koepsell Education Center, Eastpointe, MI**2007-2008**

- Taught all academic subjects to my twenty-five students and established excellent relationships with both students and their families
- Received highly effective evaluations and demonstrated competence in the areas of classroom management, creative lesson planning, learner assessment, and teaching through inquiry
- Organized and chaperoned my class on field trips to Toronto, Chicago, and Cleveland
- Volunteered after school at Family Reading Nights, Math Game Nights, Family Fun Festivals, and other events

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**Adventures in Learning & Jumpstart Program Coordinator, Troy Continuing Education, Troy, MI****2013-Present**

- Worked as the on-site principal of our summer school sessions held at Schroeder, Costello, and Hamilton Elementary Schools
- Responsible for all communications between school, staff, and families
- Ensured that all teachers had the supplies and support they needed to be successful with their 1st through 5th grade students
- Coordinated with the Special Education department on students with IEPs, and also helped to arrange for health care aides to be a part of our summer school team

Gifted & Talented Program Coordinator, Troy Continuing Education, Troy, MI**2012-2014**

- Worked as a teacher with Troy's Gifted and Talented program in the winter of 2012
- Taught a super Saturday science class by leading children through hands on activities in a fun and engaging way
- Asked to teach a language arts class as well to students who wanted more exposure to some of the world's great works of literature
- Wrote two sessions' programs, highlighting different Shakespearean plays, as well as information about life in Elizabethan England
- Additionally, I took on the role of teaching a chess class for students ranging in skill from beginner to novice
- Became the coordinator for the gifted and talented program, acting as a supervisor during the school day, and was also in charge of conducting interviews and hiring, based on the needs of the program

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING**COMMUNITIES & CONTRIBUTIONS**

- 4th Grade Service Squad and Student Council Co-Chair
- 5th Grade Safety Patrol Co-Chair
- Math and Technology Presenter for TSD PD
- Presenter at Oakland Schools Best Practices Conference
- Technology Bond Planning Committee Member & Tech Chair
- District Leadership Team Member
- Elementary Standards-Based Report Card Committee Member
- Created and Presented Three School Board "Brighteners"
- Created and Presented Professional Development Opportunities for Staff at School Staff Meetings
- Mentored New Teachers to the District
- Positive Behavior Interventions and Support Team Member
- World Language Curriculum Committee Member
- Social Studies Curriculum Committee Member
- American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Member
- Michigan and National Education Association Member

ADDITIONAL TRAININGS & SKILLS

- CHAMPS Classroom Management Training, Macomb Intermediate School District
- Horacio Sanchez's Brain-Based Resiliency, Education and Treatment Training
- CPR, Blood Borne Pathogens, Concussion, & First Aid Trained
- International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme, Level One Training
- Qualitative Reading Inventory (QRI) Training
- Dr. William Glasser's Choice Theory Training, Basic Intensive Training & Basic Practicum
- National Differentiated Instruction Conference, 2007, Indianapolis, IN
- Gradebook and attendance programs (TAC, EdLine, Schoology, PowerSchool, GradeQuick, and IG Pro, etc...)
- Understanding of Web 2.0 applications (Weebly websites, Edublogs, Blackboard, Moodle, Edublogs, etc...)
- Mastery of Microsoft Office and similar programs (Pages, Numbers, Keynote, etc...)

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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Thank you for your consideration!