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Ms. Jane Joyce
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Dear Ms. Joyce:

A liberal arts degree in education is one that teaches its students to create a student-centered learning environment as well as to focus on the individuality of each student. These are the concepts that have been ingrained in my mind from day one at St. Norbert College. I will proudly graduate in May 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics and a Secondary Education Certification. I learned of your open Mathematics Teaching Position through the Teacher Education Department List serve at St. Norbert. After reviewing your mission statement online, I realized that I share the same educational foundations your school prides itself upon.

A student-centered form of education is one that all students will benefit from, but one that also requires teachers that understand the complexity of a student. I have taken many opportunities to get to know the different aspects of a child's life. My work at Camp Ramapo taught me that a child cannot function if their home life is less than desirable. I worked with each child to set individual goals, and helped them remember these goals throughout the day. I was able to break through barriers and teach these children the skills they needed to be successful in life, as well as the true meaning of patience. I also worked with students at the Oneida Recreation Department, which helped me to create unique ways of presenting class material. One student I worked was struggling with probability, so we drew colorful pictures to represent the questions. Suddenly, the light bulb went on. As an avid runner, I have also worked with my past high school cross-country team during the summer to prepare them for the upcoming season. These experiences have allowed me to see the diversity of the human race as well as the prevalence of Maslow's Hierarchy of needs for every individual child.

Thank you for your time when considering my qualifications for the Mathematics Teaching Position at Southern Door County School District. My resume will provide you with further details about my teaching experiences. I look forward to speaking with you and will follow-up with you the week of February 21. If you would like to contact me prior to my call, please feel welcome to contact me at (920) 234-5862 or by email at tracy.bond@snc.edu.

Sincerely,

Tracy Bond

Enclosure: resume