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John Masterson
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Dear Mr. Masterson,

I am an outgoing, optimistic, and open-minded educator with a strong knowledge of content and a deep desire to make a difference in the lives of my students. I hope I have the opportunity to share that positive attitude with the students and faculty of Hortonville High School as an English teacher and forensics coach. With the encouragement of Hortonville High School teacher Ms. Kristine Plamman and Hortonville High School and St. Norbert College graduate Stephanie McCarthy, I am applying for the position of English Teacher with Reading Emphasis. Having had experience with Advanced Placement classes as a high school student and now working with students in the Youth Internship Program at Little Chute High School, I am attracted to the wide range of courses and career paths available to Hortonville High School students. I appreciate the school's well-rounded approach to education, and I believe that my own philosophy of education, one that focuses on the use of a diverse curriculum supported by student-led learning and accountability, coupled with my knowledge of competitive speech and drama, would be assets to the school's already strong faculty and community.

While I do not have specialized certification in reading strategies, over the course of my teaching practicum and student-teaching experience, I have worked with students who have reading difficulties. I am comfortable with differentiation and individualization of lesson plans and would be more than willing to receive additional on-the-job training in order to best serve students. Furthermore, I have extensive experience with state forensics competitions, both as a former competitor and as judge. I know that Hortonville High School has a history of great success in forensics and other extra-curricular activities; I would love to have the chance to help that tradition continue by coaching the activity, all the while encouraging more students to join as a means of improving their confidence and communication skills.

Thank you for your time and your careful consideration. I look forward to learning more about this position and Hortonville High School and will follow-up with you the week of March 21. If you have any questions for me or require additional information, I can be contacted by e-mail at jessica.simmons@snc.edu or by telephone at (920) 465-2973.

Sincerely,

Jessica A. Simmons