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Dr. John Hendricks
Superintendent
Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202
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Dear Dr. Hendricks,

I am writing in reference to a position in the Social Studies Department in the Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202. In May 2007, I will graduate from St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wisconsin, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History, an Early Adolescence-Adolescence certification and an endorsement in Broad Field Social Studies. After experiencing the Plainfield school system as a student, I believe that I would be an ideal candidate as a future staff member in Plainfield because of the knowledge I have of the district, as well as the key skills and qualities I possess, including interpersonal skills, a positive classroom environment and effective teaching methods. Thus, I would like to apply for a position in the Social Studies Department and share with you how I can be an asset to your teaching staff.

My enclosed resume highlights my teaching experience in both American History and World History. I have implemented creative lessons in my classroom for both subjects and am always trying to create more. During an Ancient Egypt unit, I had my students make up and then perform their own creative song, rap, poem or artwork or another idea approved by me related to what we had learned. They needed to include information from lectures and any new information they found about their topic. They enjoyed this activity and many really got into it and worked very hard on it. I am also very adaptable to change as proven through my student teaching experience in Callington, Cornwall, United Kingdom. Not only did I teach in a different school system I did so in an entirely different country and adapted well. I was able to work with many different students with different levels of ability. I also had the opportunity to work independently with an at-risk student, which I am interested in working with. While in England, I taught an American West class. In this course I conducted a project where the students had to design their own railroad company and design a business plan, which included a marketing plan and an engineering department. I grew up in Plainfield, Illinois and through my experience in its education system I believe that Plainfield would be an excellent place to work.

Thank you for considering my qualifications for a position in the Social Studies Department. I will follow-up with you the week of May 18. If you would like to contact me, please feel welcome to reach me via telephone at (815) 357-4297 or e-mail at paige.kennedy@snc.edu. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Paige S. Kennedy

Enclosure: resume