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Natick Public Schools Human Resources 13 East Central St. Natick, MA 01360

Dear Hiring Manager,

I am interested in the open position for an elementary school music teacher in the Natick Public Schools. I believe my degree from the Music Education program at Berklee, my broad teaching experience, and my strong musicality will be an asset to your general music program. I have the pedagogical, musical, and interpersonal skills required to uphold the standard of music education in Natick.

Throughout my practicum placement in Foxborough, MA, I have gained skill in teaching creating, performing, and responding at an upper elementary school level in instrumental and general music settings. My general music lessons incorporate singing, music technology, playing classroom instruments, and music literacy skills as vehicles towards learning about form, expression, and culture within the musical context. I believe that I can transfer my experience teaching music literacy, creativity, and personal responsibility in an instrumental setting to the general music classroom.

My approach to music teaching draws from my eight years of private and group strings teaching experience. The variety of settings in which I teach continually challenges me to increase my repertoire of approaches, including having students sing, play instruments, compose, move, improvise, or perform individually to reinforce a concept. My unique background in classical and traditional Celtic music has informed my philosophy of general music teaching, which is rooted in the elements of music and exposure to quality repertoire but also stresses the creative, collaborative, and cultural elements of music.

I hope you will find that my enthusiasm and varied experience will be a good fit with the Natick music program. I look forward to discussing how I can provide all students with a quality musical foundation and promote music education in Natick.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application.

Sincerely, Elizabeth Anderson