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To whom it may concern:

 Throughout my four years at Loras College, I have worked toward a degree in Elementary Education. Following my completion of the degree in May of 2014, I hope to find a job in an elementary school setting that allows me to form meaningful relationships and grow with those I work with as well as with my students.

At the anticipated completion of my degree, I will hold endorsements in Early Childhood with Special Education, Reading, and Instructional Strategist I K-8. Over the past four years, I have been able to teach and observe in a variety of settings that have helped me to gain skills in classroom management, incorporating technology as a tool to differentiate my lessons, utilizing the Common Core in instructional planning, and in collaborating with peers and families. I have found great enjoyment in teaching at a variety of levels birth through fifth grade. Most recently, I completed a 9 week placement student teaching as an Early Childhood Special Education Teacher in Early Access. This placement allowed me to strengthen my abilities to administer and interpret evaluations, create IFSPs and IEPs, and form meaningful relationships with peers and families. I have found strong connections between my experiences in Early Access and teaching in the classroom setting, and look forward to incorporating the skills I have learned into future teaching experiences.

During my clinical experience at Saint Columbkille Elementary, a Teacher Preparation School, in Dubuque, IA, I was able to work with fifth grade students and gained a great deal of experience with *The Leader In Me* program which focuses on the 7 habits of highly effective people. While working with *The Leader in Me*, I was able to strengthen my ability to empower the students in my classroom through my instruction. By empowering my students to take ownership of their learning, I saw first-hand how they began to grasp material at a deeper level and seek out learning experiences independently. This experience has further instilled a passion for learning and teaching life-long learners that I would love to be able to bring to your school community and district.

These experiences, along with my strong work ethic, dedication, and positive attitude as shown from my work with different organizations and in my course work, make me an ideal teacher candidate. If you feel that someone with my qualifications would be a beneficial addition to your staff, I would love to meet with you to discuss it further. I would be happy to answer any questions pertaining to my cover letter or attached resume. I can be contacted either by phone at (815)-222-5797 or by email at eliz.horihan@gmail.com. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Horihan