


Esteemed Public School

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Esteemed Public School,

Hello, as a recent graduate (April 2013) of Eastern Michigan University with a BFA in Visual Arts Education K-12, I found that your school district is attending the Teacher Job Fair of 2013, and I wanted to contact you in regard to your anticipated need for a teacher certified in K-12 Visual Arts. While it is true that I currently live in Michigan, I am not opposed to relocation in order to obtain a firm foundation in the calling that I've answered. I am hoping that I can find a permanent position after graduation and I am inquiring about future employment possibilities.

I look forward to exploring the thoughts and ideals of your school, as well as your district. I feel it is important to research and look for factors that show promise of a growing school where possibilities exist. For me, it is important to find a school, a district, that still respects and values the arts.

I am a father of three boys (14, 10, 3) covering a vast age range and providing me with a special insight into current trends, interests, and practical assessment of my lessons in regard to their interest level, relevance, and the degree to which they would find them interesting and/or fun. I had obtained an AAS degree in Graphic Design/Illustration, from Monroe Community College prior to my pursuits at EMU. As of this date I am graduating from Eastern Michigan University within a month's time and I would like to find a school to begin use of my recently obtained BFA in Visual Arts Education K12 (concentration in Graphic Design).

Art is one of the most important ways people tell us how they view the world. What it means to be here in this world, at this place and time, may be explored through the works of artists of all ages. Art education should call attention to children's ideas, affording them value, success, and connect in a relevant manner to their own world outside of the classroom. Art education encourages the ability to value oneself and others, and to approach the world with a desire to understand and appreciate through aesthetic awareness.

Ideally, I believe that art should be connected to other academic disciplines and that, through interdisciplinary lessons, students can explore the concept of community and understand the connection the arts share with other disciplines, how each accentuates the other. Whether my students become professional artists is irrelevant. My hope is that, through artistic experiences that engage, challenge and captivate, students will develop the tools necessary to be creative, empathetic, and collaborative members of society.

I will await your response via Email or a phone call and will follow-up within a week or two in regard to any further questions you may have about my qualifications.

-- Chris Boudrie