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Attn: Rosemary Lofaso
Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board
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Dear Mrs. Lofaso,

Please accept my résumé as an application for the occasional teacher roster for the Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board. Once you review my qualifications, I am confident that you will find me a strong candidate for the position. I believe that I am aligned with this position and have the necessary tools, knowledge, and experience to achieve our combined goals.

I am in the process of completing my Consecutive Bachelor of Education Degree with Qualifications in Primary and Junior Division at the University of Windsor. For the past 9 years, I have had the wonderful opportunity to work for the Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board teaching in Kindergarten as an Early Childhood Educator (ECE). In my most recent role at St. Angela's Catholic Elementary School, I established an effective model of classroom management and lead the development and implementation of cross curricular education for young diverse learners. I effectively recognize the students' educational needs through observing their strengths, weaknesses, and next steps. My goal has always been to provide a classroom environment where students will be engaged in the curriculum and have co-ownership of the learning space. Throughout the course of my career and education, I became committed to helping my students reach their full potential and thrive academically.

As an effective educator, I view my professional identity in five domains: planned curriculum, practicing reflexivity in my lesson planning, knowing when to assess my students, accommodating, and fostering new perspectives. My approach to teaching is to provide a safe space to inspire and nurture student learning through encouraging critical thinking and broadening students' knowledge in relation to their own experiences and interests. Upon completion of graduation, I will be taking additional qualifications in Religion, English as a Second Language (ESL), and Kindergarten as a way to continuously improve my knowledge and understanding of key concepts in order to provide effective application within the classroom. I am excited to contribute my expertise to the Windsor-Essex community and make a positive impact on the education of future generations.

In the past year, I have been volunteering at the Ignite Academy and Sts. Vladimir and Olga Catholic Church where I extend involvement in the community while providing support in education. At Sts. Vladimir and Olga Catholic Church, I prepare children on their faith journey towards receiving the

sacrament of First Holy Communion. Through guided lessons, I cultivate discussions around the importance of practicing virtues essential in our faith. My experience in teaching in a Catholic school system allows me to create an atmosphere where students feel valued, nurtured, and foster a safe environment to help broaden and cultivate new ideas and new ways of spiritual thinking. While emotional, cognitive, and physical development are crucial, I would like to make a positive difference by completing the development of the whole person through adding spiritual education and development. As well, I believe that teaching goes further into educating students to love God, themselves, others, and make their community a better place to live. Being raised in Catholic faith, I am continuously on my own faith journey and I find value in sharing that with students in the WECDSB community. As a Catholic teacher, I believe it is important to teach the core values of the Catholic faith to students in order to enrich their lives with the image and likeness of God.

I would greatly appreciate an opportunity to discuss how my qualifications align with the needs and continued success of the Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board. Please let me know if you have any further questions regarding my candidacy. I can be reached at (519) 564-9820. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Sokol', written in a cursive style.

Marta Sokol