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Shearer Elementary School Faculty and Staff:

I would like to start by saying what an honor it is to be considered for the music teacher position at your school. Teaching music is a strong passion of mine as it serves as a point of pride, an outlet for creativity, and an escape for the students in our school community.

A little about me: I am a 2015 graduate of Nicholas County High School where I developed a love of music through playing in my school's marching and concert bands. I then attended Morehead State University to study Music Education with the hope of instilling my love of music into several students over my career. Following my student teaching placement in Clark County Schools with Michael Payne, Matthew Leedy, and Trish Torline and at Christ the King School with Jeremy Howard, I graduated from MSU with my Bachelor of Music Education degree. Since August of 2021, I have served as the Elementary Music Teacher, Choir Director, and Assistant Band Director of Nicholas County Schools where my duties include designing and providing general music instruction for students grades kindergarten through 6th, preparing students for community and school performances, directing the NCEC Bluejacket Singers after school choir, and assisting the district's band program through the concert, marching, and pep bands.

If I am selected to serve as the music teacher of your school, you are hiring a professional who:

- puts a great emphasis on music literacy, artful and thoughtful music-making, composition, improvisation, using technology to enhance musical learning, and establishing a safe environment for all students to learn and enjoy music.
- seeks to create self-sufficient problem solvers who can apply musical skills learned outside of the classroom.
- encourages students to be leaders among their peers, providing guidance and lending a helping hand when needed.
- is dedicated to constantly reforming and perfecting his teaching methods in order to serve his students as effectively as possible.
- consults and collaborates with his colleagues to give his students the most well-rounded education possible.
- gives his students a greater sense of community by enabling them to perform with the confidence that allows them to represent their school with pride and respect.
- wishes to share with his students the love of music he has established over his years as a musician and educator.

I feel as though my enthusiasm and dedication to our profession would be an excellent addition to your school and I look forward to instilling a lifelong love of music in your students. The tradition of musical excellence at Shearer Elementary and in Clark County Schools as a whole is something I have admired since I began my teaching journey here as a student teacher. I hope to serve your school and students and be a part of the strong history of your school for years to come.

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