

Keenen Degen - Cover Letter

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To Whom it May Concern,

While studying at TRU, I have learned through experiences working and volunteering with children. Being a Leader and Person of Rapport with the SD 73 Afterschool Programs has been rewarding and crucial in my development of becoming a teacher. It expanded my skills in behavior management, building connections, and developing and facilitating engaging lesson plans. Being exposed to stressful situations, I reflected on my practices and found ways to better my programs. It has developed my confidence and shown me how being enthusiastic, caring, and patient can impact students' lives.

I will honour Indigenous education by infusing the First Peoples' Principles of Learning into my teaching practice and the Indigenization of my learning environments. I demonstrate this infusion by providing students with frequent experiential, relational, and outdoor learning opportunities. I also Indigenize unit plans by incorporating sharing circles, Indigenous stories, and recognizing the importance of land to Indigenous people. When creating unit plans, I start the process by considering how I can holistically incorporate the First Peoples Principles of Learning into the underlying structure.

I will also ensure my teaching practices are based on core competencies. I believe that teaching should have a strong foundation in promoting the students' ability to think, communicate, and apply their learning. I argue that it's the teacher's job to determine where students are in their learning journey, and find ways to engage students to accomplish their goals.

Given my experience and passion for education, I am confident I would make a positive impact in your district. I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss my qualifications with you further. You can contact me by phone at 250-819-9870. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Keenen Degen