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Dear UFV Teacher Education Program Selection Committee,

UFV's Bachelor of Education program is an excellent opportunity in furthering my education to fulfill my desire of becoming an elementary school teacher. I have been attending UFV since 2006 when I first started working towards my Bachelor of Arts Degree, with the goal of becoming a teacher just like my mom. While I decided to take a break from university to focus on raising my three children as a stay-at-home mom, I made a confident decision to return to school in 2020 to follow through with my dreams. I have chosen to continue my studies at UFV and would greatly appreciate the opportunity to complete my Bachelor of Education at UFV. My research tells me that the UFV Bachelor of Education strives on finding the right applicants who have been exposed to various diverse situations with school age children. I personally have excellent skills with children as I have raised my three for the past nine years and have welcomed any opportunity to volunteer within their classrooms at school and coach their extracurricular activities. UFV speaks to me as it is dedicated to Indigenous justice. I welcome the opportunity to expand my knowledge of Indigenous justice and thank you for offering cultural opportunities and education to students. I would like to be able to proudly pass this important information on to my future students.

I have had the privilege of being welcomed into multiple elementary school classrooms where I have volunteered my time to work one-on-one with children to better understand their emotions, learning abilities and their individual needs. I have worked with grades K through 3 and I strongly believe that everyone is unique, and education should focus on individual's needs in their own way. I strive to create an open, inclusive, and equal environment to make other's feel safe and welcoming in all situations. I myself have encountered and problem solved behavioural and emotional situations within my three children and myself. I have overcome anxiety and have a clear understanding of children who struggle with anxiety, ADHD and other mental health issues. I welcome the opportunity to further my knowledge of mental health and behavioural problems to work with children and families to come up with solutions for students to succeed in their education. I am a huge supporter of Indigenous rights, cultural support workers, and Indigenous education within public schools. I welcome the opportunity to further my Indigenous knowledge and work towards implementing more of it within schools.

With changes in new generations comes the need for change in education in our public schools. We need to be able to adapt to new ways which is an important concept to use in a classroom. My ability to understand that a curriculum allows teachers to follow a plan, it needs to also incorporate real world problems, and have children think outside of the box. While it is important to understand the basic curriculum such as reading, writing, and mathematics, it is becoming just as important to provide children strong community connections, inclusion, diversity, critical thinking skills and personal strengths they can benefit from.

I will work with students and faculty regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, age, religion, abilities/disabilities, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or country of origin. As long as students and faculty are committed to and engaged in the learning environment and promote the ideals for a diverse workplace, my philosophy is that all students should be given equal opportunity.

With gratitude, please consider my application and reach out to schedule an interview.

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