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Marsha Sulewski

Supervisor of Staffing and Recruiting

Halton District School Board

Dear Ms. Sulewski,

I would like to express my interested in becoming an occasional music teacher. As a passionate educator and musician, I thoroughly enjoy sharing my passion with young minds. I believe a good music education aids in all areas of education. For example when students are taught how to actively listen to music, they become better active listeners in all their subject areas. Having been in several different musical groups I know that it also teaches you how to collaborate with others and helps build a sense of community. When I was in school there was such a strong sense of community that I valued and would like to replicate in my classroom.

Some of my volunteer work included playing on other people’s recitals. Also there was a local jazz festival that I volunteered at, which included running a venue for two of those years. Here at Nipissing I play piano for the school’s choir.

During my music education I was fortunate enough to be able to teach in several different situations, including one-on-one piano instruction and classroom teaching. After my degrees I taught piano lessons to a wide range of age groups, from 6 to 14 and some adults.

One attribute about myself that I believe makes me successful is that I welcome and thrive on constructive criticism, and am always looking for ways to better my craft. As a musician you will never achieve perfection, as there is always something to improve upon, as it is in teaching. I hope to have the opportunity to grow as an educator and share my passion for music and community.

Sincerely,

Daniel Stajov