

To Whom It May Concern:

Life has an interesting way of letting us know what our true calling is, I am fortunate enough to have come upon mine when I became a school counselor. Counseling enables me to guide individuals through surface level issues and address their real problems in order to create effective and positive change. I work exceptionally hard to serve all of the developmental, academic, social, emotional, psychological, and therapeutic needs of my students and their families in an ethical and professional manner.

Working with school students has brought out my aptitude and enthusiasm for people in need, where support can mean life-long success. In my work as a school counselor, I have faced several triumphs and tribulations, including establishing therapeutic relationships with individuals who were extremely resistant to any type of help and needing to involuntarily hospitalize students. Having a nurturing and encouraging mindset is necessary in making sure each student builds self confidence and obtains the skills needed to have a successful and positive impact on the world around them through their unique passions and abilities.

My graduate degree and training have enriched my know-how as a school counselor and provided me with tools that have translated into effective communication with my students. I have applied this knowledge in a very real and practical way, and have seen clear examples of what has and has not been successful. The concept of life-long learning is continually improving my professional and personal life.

Above all my experience and education, a passion for fostering self awareness and self confidence within each student is what truly inspires me to unwaveringly pursue my career in school counseling. There are countless obstacles and challenges that students face on their path to becoming successful contributing members of our society. Having a solid understanding of not just how the world works, but how *they* work is essential in unlocking their potential. As the students' counselor, I am here to guide them through any trials and tribulations that will come their way and instill in them the courage they need to become the best possible versions of themselves.

Sincerely,

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