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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my interest in the School Counselor position at CORA Services. I saw this position on Indeed.com and wanted to apply. My previous position working for an education non-profit and passion for working with youth has made me a unique candidate for this position. Upon graduating from Brooklyn College, I wanted to give back to the community that raised me to be the person I am today. I wanted to educate the youth of underserved communities while gaining real-life skills needed to impact the job market. So, I entered City Year, a non-profit that creates agents of change to educate youth in underprivileged schools throughout the country. My first year I was primarily stationed in the classroom of a public elementary school in Brooklyn. In those twelve months, my team and I were pillars in the school. I worked with a team of ten fellow AmeriCorps members to aid students in under-resourced schools. We created school-wide events in our school each month. These events engaged over 300+ students and parents in attendance, social-emotional learning, Math, and English Language Arts. We also ran after-school that engaged a total of 30 diverse students from all walks of life on top of in-class mentoring and education.

On top of having knowledge of the school system, I also have knowledge in executing service day events that benefit the school and community. I returned to City Year and continued as a Senior Corps member and worked on a team of 5 to create, design and implement corporate sponsored service day events in schools around New York City. We oversaw supplying corporate volunteers with service projects to do. Once completed would be placed in schools and community centers across New York City. My team and I created 23 corporate sponsored service day events from start to finish with a 95% percent approval rating. I learned how to engage volunteers to bring up attendance in our events like cold-calling potential donors and creating successful tracking systems. Many of our attending corporate sponsors were fortune 500 companies like Microsoft, Credit Suisse, and Apple just to name a few. I learned how to utilize my events management skills to create and manage event schedules, I learned to utilize community outreach to bring in guest speakers to talk to students, and I learned how to work with people from different backgrounds. I am a recent graduate at Mercy College who obtained my master's degree in School Counseling. I hope to use what I learn to educate and mentor youths from diverse backgrounds. I have learned about group mentoring, Personal goal setting and social injustices that our youth face. In the end, I know I have what it takes to guide your organization to success. I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you to discuss how my background could make a major impact on your organization's success. I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

David Rouchon