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Dr. Ivan Denisovich Howard
Sumico-School District
2700 Lineville Road Green Bay, WI 54313

Dear Dr. Denisovich:

I am very excited to submit this letter as my application for Special Education Program Assistant at Bay View Middle School. I saw the advertisement for this position on the University of Wisconsin-River Falls "Hire a Falcon" website. Enclosed please find my resume, application, transcript and license.

As a special education instructor, I bring a great deal of real world experience to the position. After completing my undergraduate degree in psychology, I spent five years working as a mental health worker at Hamilton House in Lake Elmo, Minnesota. During this time I was fortunate to work with four adults with varying abilities and see the extraordinary results that can be made through hard work and caring. Because of this wonderful experience, I decided to redirect my career towards working with exceptional children.

During my student teaching experience, I used the knowledge gained in my previous job to develop practical curriculum modifications for students who were mild to moderately mentally impaired. I worked very well as a member of the team that evaluated individual Education Plans by learning to understand the viewpoints of the educator, psychologist and parents. This led to a high comfort level between all team members which created the best possible program for each individual student. I also worked to create a real world curriculum that allowed students to learn valuable life skills while still maintaining high academic achievement. In addition to experience, I have also attended numerous conferences on educational methodology which have made me a firm believer in the power of inclusion, peer teaching and the modeling of proper behavior.

My experience working with "real world" adults after finishing my undergraduate degree give me a unique look into the future lives of exceptional students. I look forward to meeting with you more to discuss my qualifications. If you have any questions or would like to set up an interview, please contact me at (715) 425-5555 or at martoskovitch@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,

Melody M. Martoskovitch