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Personal Statement

As an educator, my purpose has always been to make a meaningful impact in the lives of my students. My Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) from Stony Brook University has equipped me with a foundational understanding of language acquisition and the critical importance of fostering an inclusive, engaging learning environment. However, I recognize that education is constantly evolving, and my journey of professional development will continue throughout my career.

To further my teaching practices in my classroom, enhancing my students' learning experiences and preparing them for the digital world. The rise of technology in daily life has transformed how we communicate, work, and learn. In education, it has the potential to redefine teaching methods and student engagement. As educators, we must ensure that our students not only learn the content but also acquire the technological skills necessary to thrive in a technology-driven future.

For the past year I been teaching Special Education in the Pierson Middle- High School where I have gained expertise in Special Education and was able to utilize some of my TESOL while enhancing my teaching methods and adapting to the diverse learning needs of my students.

My academic and professional experiences have prepared me for this advanced study. Completing my Master's degree in TESOL has not only strengthened my language instruction skills but has also ignited my interest in technology integration. During my coursework, I explored strategies for using technology to support language learners, such as digital storytelling and educational software for accommodations. These experiences highlighted the power of technology to personalize learning, especially for students with diverse needs.

My teaching experiences have underscored the importance of staying current with educational trends and tools. As a new teacher, I have had opportunities to experiment with technology in the classroom, from using multimedia presentations to incorporating online assessments through learning management systems like Google Classroom. These tools have fostered interactive lessons and provided valuable feedback on student progress, informing my instructional decisions.

I look forward to finding a permanent position as a Special Education teacher or ENL teacher in your school district.