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Dr. Lae Pitts  
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**Dear Dr. Pitts:**

I am writing to express my interest for a demonstration teaching placement at your school in order to complete my special education professional practice requirements. I am impressed with your reputation as a principal and your school's impressive commitment to educating students in the Detroit area.

I am currently enrolled in the Master of Arts in Teaching in Special Education at Walden University, which is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). The special education program prepares candidates for the academic and behavioral strategist teaching license, working across multiple disability areas with students with mild to moderate exceptionalities. The MAT in Special Education program has also received SPA recognition from the Council of Exceptional Children. Faculty members at Walden University are scholar-practitioners with credentials from top national universities. At this time, I have completed my coursework and achieved a 4.0 GPA and prepared to complete my demonstration teaching.

I bring knowledge and understanding of child development and how to provide meaningful learning opportunities and experiences that support intellectual, social, emotional, and academic growth for diverse learners. I have acquired experience planning lessons and activities aligned to students' diverse learning needs, academic standards, and subject matter content to ensure that every student receives a tailored and impactful education. I understand the importance of using formal and informal assessment tools to measure student performance and drive data-based instructional decisions to improve student learning outcomes. I am knowledgeable in selecting and implementing evidence-based instructional strategies and technology that are motivating and engaging for learners. My collaboration and communication skills acquired during my program and intensive field experience will also help me contribute to your team of esteemed educators.

As I approach the end of my graduate program, I am eager and ready to apply theory to practice. Enclosed you will find my career portfolio which includes my curriculum vitae. I have also included a letter from Walden University's Field Experience Director, which provides a description of the MAT in Special Education program at Walden University, as well as Field Experience requirements.

I am excited about the opportunity to bring my skills, passion, and dedication to the special education demonstration teaching experience at your school and greatly appreciate your consideration of my application. I look forward to further discussing field experience opportunities at your school.

Sincerely,

Patricia F. Simmons