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## Re: SCSS 2 sections - Guidance

Dear Avon Maitland District School Board,

I am an Occasional Teacher with the AMDSB and I have recently completed my **Guidance Part 2** additional qualification course. I am eager for an opportunity to implement this recent professional development in a secondary school guidance setting and feel that I would be an excellent candidate for this position at SCSS. I pride myself in my ability to develop positive rapport with students and this has facilitated me in establishing meaningful professional relationships with many adolescents whom I have taught and coached.

I have been fortunate to have been a part of the staff at Stratford Central Secondary over the past 3 school years, teaching a variety of subjects such as Social Science, Phys. Ed., Resource, Family Studies, Native Studies, Careers, Drama and Guidance. This has allowed me to develop relationships with a wide variety of students from all grades, which would prove to be an asset to anyone coming into the Guidance Department late in the school year.

My personal philosophy of teaching surrounds the idea of “*really getting to know each student*”. Although it is important to know their behaviours, grades and attendance habits, I feel it’s arguably even more important to learn more about students’ personalities, interests, family lives and goals, in order to effectively help them navigate their high school years.

Over the past three school years I have been fortunate in working on seven LTO assignments in AMDSB. My recent teaching assignments, which include Social Sciences and Family Studies, have reaffirmed my interest in pursuing Guidance Counseling as part of my career. Through my combined teaching, coaching, volunteer and educational experiences I have learned to work successfully as part of a team, and have developed excellent interpersonal skills allowing me to effectively communicate with students, parents and colleagues.

I am confident that I would be an excellent candidate for the 2 Guidance sections available at Stratford Central Secondary School, as I have just recently finished taking my Part 2 qualification in the area, and would thrive in an opportunity to put this learning into practice. Attached please find a copy of my resume and I would be delighted to formally meet to discuss this position in more detail. I thank you in advance for your time and careful consideration and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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