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Mark Danville
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Dear Mr. Danville,

I am writing to express my interest in the School Counselor position at Smithville Middle School as advertised on the Ohio School Counselor Association website. As a newly licensed school counselor in the State of Ohio, I have graduated from a Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) approved program in school counseling, which was grounded in American School Counselor Association (ASCA) National Standards. Additionally, I have taken specific courses in consultation, safe school environments, and crisis intervention. This enables me to provide individual and group counseling services that meet Smithville Local Middle School's mission of creating a respectful environment where individuals learn and succeed by developing character, intellect, wellness, and a desire for lifelong learning.

As part of my 100 hour practicum at Johnsonville High School and my 600 internship at Perry Middle School, I provided counseling to 30 students individually. In addition, I co-lead three groups on the topics of academic performance, social skills, and anger management; provided classroom instruction in decision making skills and career interest; and worked with 11 students to fulfill their Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Lastly, my school counseling practice was informed by utilizing the School Counselor Strategic Planning Tool, which offered benchmarks to monitor progress, allowed stakeholders to participate in solutions, and tracked student outcomes. Learning to implement this tool at my practicum and internship sites helped me to understand how my services impacted student achievement, including, graduation rates, state testing performance, attendance, discipline, college and career readiness, and support for at-risk students. I am excited to put this knowledge to work for Smithville Local Middle School as these skills directly match the request for a school counselor who can design and implement a comprehensive school counseling program.

I am enclosing my resume and desire an interview to discuss further this position. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Emily Delezene, M.Ed., LSC
Enclosure