To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to apply for the position of Teacher in your school district. I recently completed student-teaching and have graduated from Buffalo State University. My passion for education and dedication for students to become not only interested in social studies, but also civically engaged members of our community, is what I strive to make my classes centered around.

I graduated cum laude from Buffalo State University with my Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Studies Education 7-12. Throughout my college career, I have spent time in multiple schools and districts across the Western New York area. During my first student-teaching experience at Springville Middle School, I participated in extracurricular activities that supported my eighth-grade students. I proudly collaborated with my cooperating teacher to set up a “Day of Silence” where students raised money for students in the Middle East who do not have the same educational opportunities as they do. History is constant, and thinking of unique ways to get students of all ages engaged will always be a source of inspiration to me.

During my student-teaching experience at Lakeshore High School, I embraced the opportunity to integrate technology into my lessons. District Technology Integrator Michael Drezek was a wealth of knowledge, so I invited him to share that knowledge in all my classes. One standout lesson involved Mr. Drezek and I teaching students a lesson on new software that allows students to create their own regents review games. With ever-evolving/changing technology, I am excited to continuously integrate technology into my lesson plans.

A teacher is an ever-learning student, an individual who is flexible and consistently works to improve skills, strategies, and techniques. This is how I reflect on my experiences in the classroom. I will strive to make connections and build relationships with my students to establish a community of learners in my classroom. My dedication, perseverance, open-mindedness, and work ethic have contributed to the positive experiences that I have had in my student-teaching placements, and I am confident that I will be a valuable asset to your school.

Sincerely,

Kyle Zak