**LINDSAY LARONDE**

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**RE: Elementary Teaching Position**

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my strong belief that students are most successful when they are well-rounded, global citizens. Therefore, I strive to inspire students to reach for greatness in every aspect of their lives. I believe that fostering a sense of community outside the classroom through extra curricular activities has the benefit of creating a positive atmosphere inside the classroom. I am able to do this by getting to know each of my students individually both inside and outside of the classroom. With this more personal connection, I am able to differentiate my instruction accordingly.

My teaching philosophy focuses on individual student success through an innovative, student driven and inclusive learning environment. Each student has their own unique story and specific strengths and weaknesses. Students will be encouraged and celebrated through self-motivation, creativity and perseverance giving them life skills to succeed in our ever-changing world.

As a teacher, I encourage a learner focused, inquiry driven classroom. In my experience, giving students choice and freedom creates a positive relationship, a decrease in behavioural issues, and a love of learning. Inspiring creativity and flexibility in my lessons, assignments, and assessments. I am able to push each one of my students to be their best, in their own way.

My interest in International Schools began after my completion of a Cuban Culture and Society course at the University of Havana. Immersing myself in a new culture taught me so much more than I could ever learn in an Ontario classroom. After that experience, I enrolled in Semester At Sea and had the chance to experience 10 different countries in my semester in an academic setting, with instructors and students from all over the world. This passion and excitement for new cultures and education is something that will flourish immensely in an International School. I will be given the unique situation of interacting with students from different cultures with very exceptional experiences and stories.

I have extensive teaching experience, specifically in Full Day Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2, 3, 6, and Special Education. Through these experiences, I have worked with students and teachers from a variety of backgrounds all with different stories. I have learned the importance of differentiated instruction for each individual student. Every student teaches me something new about myself as an educator. Through experience and my commitment to professional development, I will continue to learn throughout my teaching career.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application to be a part of your school. I look forward to meeting with you to further discuss my skills and abilities and how I will be an asset to your school.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Laronde