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Randy Kosec, Jr., Chief Office of Professional Practices Services Division of Public Schools Florida Department of Education 325 West Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400

Dear Mr. Kosec,

Please accept this letter as my formal expression of interest in being considered as a candidate for the Education Practices Commission. The attached resume outlines a record of my experiences and achievements as an educator, and is reflective of the opportunities I've had to both grow as a professional, and create an impact within my field.

In my role as an exceptional student education teacher, I have learned to value and apply objectivity, collaboration, and perspective in regards to the many facets of education. I am responsible for facilitating teams of individuals in meticulously analyzing data to make informed and relevant decisions; for developing, understanding, and upholding legal documents as they pertain to students, school teams, and district/state policies; and for ensuring that I remain current as to best practices and compliance with legal guidelines, policies, and procedures.

Over the past year, I have had the honor of serving as the 2020 Orange County Public Schools District Teacher of the Year. During this time, I've had the opportunity to connect with educators and prospective educators from across the state, which instilled in me a passion for mentorship, and to serve in a capacity which upholds the standard of excellence in education that has been long established in the state of Florida.

I believe that my experiences, outlook, and diligence would add value in this role, and I would be honored to have your consideration. I look forward to connecting with you soon. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Melissa Jade Pappas