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My name is Ignatius Loyola, and I am a rising senior at Saint Joseph's University. I am currently seeking certification for Middle School Education, specifically with a concentration in Social Studies and Mathematics. My long-term goals include acquiring my Master's Degree in Education, as well as certification as a reading specialist.

After working in multiple school districts, I believe that all children are capable of learning; it is the role of the teacher to inspire those students to learn. Tailoring to the individual is one of the key elements in becoming an effective teacher. One of the best ways to facilitate community within the classroom, and allow children to take an interest and invest in their own learning is with a constructivist approach. Allowing them to work in groups, make choices, and think critically are all important components to a well-rounded education. We should be teaching children not only the required content in subject areas, but also how to problem solve, think critically, and provide them with opportunities to prepare for the real world. Teachers play an instrumental role in our children's lives, and in helping them grow to their full potential.

In my field experiences, I have observed some of the most inspiring teachers and worked in some great schools, which helped fortify and make real what I learned in the classroom. Being able to take part in daily classroom functions, including creating and executing lesson plans, has been critical to developing my skills as a future teacher. Volunteering as an after-school tutor has also allowed me the opportunity to practice one-on-one with students. Tutoring has allowed me to practice my individualized teaching methods as well as seeing both the student's and my success. I consider all of my experiences teaching to be worthwhile, learning experiences that will impact me in my profession.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I believe that I would be an excellent candidate for this student teaching position.

Sincerely,

Ignatius Loyola