

VALERIE GRIFFIN ~ R.E.C.E.

ATTENTION: HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES

To Whom it may concern,

I am applying for the full-time DECE position with the York Region District School Board. I have attached a resume for your review. As you will note from my enclosed resume, I have diverse experience as an Early Childhood Educator in a professional environment. I am confident that my experience provides me with the skills to successfully fulfill this position. Early Childhood Education has not only been a Career choice for me, but is also my life's ambition. As an RECE, I find myself intrinsically motivated to make a difference in the life of children.

I have always been excited to embark on new journeys in Early Childhood Education. Whether opening the Dr. Jay Planet Playroom, a facility for the children of parents and families undergoing Cancer treatment at Sunnybrook Regional Cancer Centre, or becoming an ECE for the YMCA's flagship Family Development Centre which is the demonstration site for all of the YMCA childcare centers in Canada, new challenges have presented chances for me to grow professionally. It is with this ambition that the DECE position inspires me to continue to reach for this new career opportunity for Early Childhood Educators.

My background in Early Childhood Education spans two decades. For 4 years as an ECE Assistant, 2 years as an ECE student and 16 years as an Early Childhood Educator. As an exceptional RECE it was a challenge to leave my daughter with another provider when I knew I was the best candidate to provide her with early learning. I decided to begin my business, opening a Home Childcare Centre until my children were all enrolled in school full time. This business provided me with the opportunity to continue my passion of working with children while gaining the ability to nurture my own children's early learning, I am proud of what a success it became. Now that my children are in school full time, I look forward to the opportunity to switch gears in my career and bring my enthusiasm, energy and skill base to a broader community of children within the school system. I am looking forward to making a long term commitment to the YRDSB and returning to a larger group setting with a variety of different children's needs and capabilities and working with the tools and resources available to me to collaborate with the OCT teacher to have a positive impact.

I am enthusiastic about the upcoming DECE employment opportunities and welcome a personal interview to discuss your needs for this position, and my qualifications. Thank you for your time and consideration and I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Sincerely,

Valerie Griffin, R.E.C.E.