**Matthew S. Watkins**

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Freshman Academy Principals

Bryan Station High School

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Ms. Field and Mr. Snodgrass,

I am reaching out regarding the open Freshman Seminar position at Bryan Station High School for the 2019-2020 school year. Please accept my letter and resumè for consideration.

This past school year I taught World Geography at Winburn Middle School using current events to make the world seem alive and interactive to students. I taught Freshman Seminar in the Freshman Academy at Tates Creek High School where we helped prepare students for success in high school and beyond. I also taught Integrated Social Studies in the Freshman Academy and Criminal Justice at Bryan Station High School. I was also an SLC Lead at Bryan Station. My experience with multiple age groups gives me a broad toolbox of instructional strategies to meet the needs of students at all levels. My lessons encompass a variety of techniques including the analysis of historical and current events to increase the relevance of the material.

I am an active participant in my weekly team and MTSS meetings where I work collaboratively with teachers from other departments. We target specific student needs from an interdepartmental perspective and act collectively to implement both academic and behavioral interventions.

Prior to teaching, I spent fifteen years in management where I trained new employees, helped develop and improve products, analyzed data, and served as a liaison between management, employees, customers, and vendors, often mediating solutions.

My broad range of experience inside and outside the classroom means I bring a unique perspective to teaching. I hope to have an opportunity to discuss any potential positions at Bryan Station with you personally.

Sincerely,

Matt Watkins