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Dr. Scott Baker  
Superintendent  
Spotsylvania County Public Schools  
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Dear Dr. Baker,

I am writing in reference to a secondary English teaching position that may become available in Spotsylvania County for the 2016-2017 school year. I have a particular interest in middle school, as I believe that these transitional years between the elementary and high school levels can heavily inform a child's feelings about school for the rest of their student career. I believe I am equipped to be a positive influence in this regard, and I am excited to share my enthusiasm for English and education in general.

Currently, I am enrolled in the Virginia Department of Education's Career Switcher Program through Shenandoah University, and hold a Bachelor of Arts in English from Virginia Commonwealth University. I expect to receive my Career Switcher Provisional License in July of 2016. My previous work has been varied and diverse, including experience as a substitute teacher in Spotsylvania County, and as the coordinator of a business office in Richmond, among others. I feel that the leadership, adaptability, and quick decision-making skills I have developed throughout my career, coupled with my creativity and an abiding passion for English make me highly qualified to manage a classroom. I have also spent the last several years working as a farmer, and I hope that the daily responsibilities associated with this lifestyle will attest to my ability to work hard and ceaselessly.

As a native of Spotsylvania County and as a parent raising children here, I believe that I can readily relate to the students on a personal level, which will aid in building the relationships that successful teaching depends upon and foster a friendly and efficient class environment. I have been successful in other fields, but I have also always felt that I could be making a more meaningful contribution to the world, and with the benefit of age and experience, I have come to the realization that teaching will provide me with the best opportunity to do this while making full use of my skills.

The Career Switcher Program has prepared me to succeed, and I am very ready to embrace the challenges that a teaching career represents. I hope to be an asset to the students, the staff, and the administration of any school in the county. I appreciate your consideration and very much look forward to the opportunity to speak with you. My online portfolio is available at <https://sites.google.com/a/su.edu/jonathansomebody/>, and I can be reached at (999)999-9999 or [emailaddress@su.edu](mailto:emailaddress@su.edu). Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Someone