

June 9, 2014

Dear Members of the School Board,

I am currently a third grade teacher at Agnor Hurt Elementary School. My reason for writing is to ask you to grant me a year's leave of absence from teaching. During this time I will be combining my love of education with my love of travel and planning educational field trips for middle and high school students. The trips are science and history based and would provide students experiential learning that supports state-specific standards and curriculum. The trips provide students exposure to other cultures, historical events in an up close and personal manner and hands on environmental experiences. Science-based locations include the rainforests of Costa Rica, the coral reefs and Everglades of Florida, and the black sand beaches of Iceland. Trips to Washington DC, Philadelphia, New York City and Williamsburg are rich in history. Although I will predominantly be responsible for planning the trips, I will have the added benefit of participating in many trips myself. I believe this will provide me an opportunity to expand on my own knowledge of experiential learning and to apply it to my own teaching in the future. Thank you for considering my request!

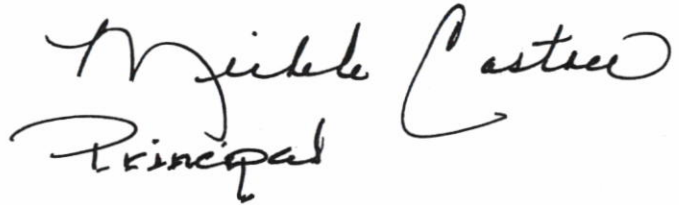
Sincerely,



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Principal