March 28, 2011

Dr. Wayne Blanton, Executive Director Florida School Boards Association

RE: Superintendent of Schools Vacancy

Dr. Blanton:

I am writing on this behalf to present my interest to apply for the **Superintendent of Schools Position.** During 2008 I had the opportunity to work with the Superintendent of Schools and was selected to represent our Superintendent in Professional Development and local district meetings. Furthermore, my Administrative position as an English Program Supervisor has provided professional opportunities to impact Low Improvement Schools jointly with other Superintendents in the district. As a team group we targeted low improvement schools with action monthly plans, coaching teachers, coaching school principals, parents involvement, student's empowerment in education and daily evidence of follow-up class intervention.

Truly, this is the time to fulfill and accomplish my professional desires to become a candidate as a Superintendent of Schools working with a team group with a vision and a mission.

My considerations are to join the Bronx Osceola County School District of Florida to promote a positive management with the purpose of integrating development and update educational modalities and together reach the Department's goals.

Therefore, I would like to be considered to work for the Superintendent of Schools positions.

Regards, Prof. Awilda Figueroa School Principal/ ESOL Supervisor

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AWILDA FIGUEROA PADILLA

OBJECTIVE

In search of a Superintendent of Schools position for the Osceola County School District, Florida.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF PUERTO RICO
- School Director

- August 2008
- DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF PUERTO RICO
- Elementary level- English Teacher August 1990- December 2007
- DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF PUERTO RICO
- Administrative English (ESOL) Supervisor District Arecibo II-January 2008
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MAESTROS EXCELENTES- PUERTO RICAN NATIONAL FORUM, INC – RIO PIEDRAS, PR

Professional Description 2003:

- Professor for Basic Language course for Adults
- Professor for Advance English Conversational Course
- Goal: Prepare students with the purpose to obtain their certification in Education and be capable to teach in New York City.

EQUITY RESEARCH CORPORATION, INC. - WASHINGTON, D.C. 2002

- Coordinator- Research quest for Federal proposals that apply to Puerto Rico Department of Education, Academic programs K-12 grade.
- Coordinator for EAGE Program- Bilingual Engineers at Morgan State University, Baltimore, MA
- Coordinator for EAGN Program-Bilingual Nurses

Significant Contributions and Achievements in Education

- 21st Century Community Learning Center Administrator 2007
- Won a proposal project from New York City: SNAP Foundation Program by Kodak for fourth and fifth grade English as a second language learners. 2007
- Superintendent for Sunday Bible School- Methodist Church Arecibo, PR 2007
- Scholastic, RED Professional Development School District Coordinator, Puerto Rico 2007
- Member of the Go city for kids, New York City 2007
- Member of the Convio (Community Organization, USA) 2007
- Member of the Edutopia- Teachers magazine 2007
- Member of the Discovery.com for Teachers 2007
- Member and School District Coordinator for the Northern Chapter "RED" Program 2006
- Granted a \$10,000.00 Proposal -The Reading and Writing Super- highway program with a visit to "Kennedy Space Center- NASA 2006.
- Excellence in Teaching ,2002-04
- Won a teacher competence to travel to Washington, D.C. An internship for three months; held by the Senate of Puerto Rico and by the Department of Education of Puerto Rico with the purpose to work in federal/government and private offices searching for proposals that can apply to Puerto Rico Public schools. 2002
- Director of summer camp," Sembrando y Cosechando", 1996-2002
- Community/church volunteer for Homeless program 1996

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus, Rio Piedras, PR 2008

- English Department Caribbean Literature- Doctoral Program
- Honor Student

Inter American University, Metropolitan Campus, Rio Piedras, PR 2008

• Master Degree in Administration and Supervision

Inter American University, Metropolitan Campus, Rio Piedras, PR 2004

• Master Degree in TESOL in English with courses in Curriculum, Administration and Supervision.

Catholic University of Puerto Rico Arecibo, PR 1990

- B.A., Bachelors of Arts in Elementary Education with a major in English.
- Certified Teacher by the Department of Education of Puerto Rico 1990-07
- License #1- Elementary Teacher, Lic.#2- English Teacher Elementary level

Inter American University, Arecibo Campus, Arecibo, PR 2008

• Certification in Administration and Supervision February to April 2008

Department of Education, Arecibo School District II

- English Zone Supervisor 2008
- License-Administrative School Principal School District Arecibo II 2009

CERTIFICATIONS

- New York City Department of Education, September, 2010 ESL Teaching K-12
- Florida Department of Education, May, 2010 Professional Certification

REFERENCES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST