

### Candidate Statement

I believe there are a few simple things that make a classroom successful. First I believe that the teacher has a very important role. The teacher is to be a facilitator of knowledge. It is my job to give my students the best possible environment to aid their Mathematics knowledge acquisition, to inspire them beyond their perceived potential, to create life-long learners, and to encourage them to take chances, make mistakes, and learn.

I believe that students need the best possible environment to aid knowledge acquisition and retention. Without the proper environment students will not feel comfortable, confident, or vulnerable enough to acquire knowledge.

I also believe that students need to be inspired. Children are the future. In order to ensure that the future is bright, I have to nurture and challenge my students. They are the world's future engineers, CEOs, and educators. I know that in order for my students to become the engineers and CEO's of the future, they have to be inspired and their curiosity has to be cultivated. I need to give them the tools to continue their knowledge acquisition outside of my classroom. By helping a child solve a math problem or ace a test you help boost their confidence, and change their state of mind. No longer is a problem too hard for them. They now realize that they can achieve any goal, as long as they are willing to work hard at it. Instead of seeing a challenge as something too hard to overcome, they see it as a chance to conquer and learn.

Helping students learn Mathematics can change their lives. It can help them find potential in themselves that they didn't previously see. Teaching them Mathematics is not just about creating students who can solve every algebraic equation in a textbook, but about creating life-long learners. Students who are confident in their algebraic knowledge can translate that into solve real-life algebraic equations that will impact the world. It is my responsibility to teach my students to become Mathematics problems solvers and eventually change the world.

I believe children are the future, and they need teachers to guide them to that bright future.