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Philosophy of Education Statement

As an upcoming teacher with a degree in Elementary Education (K-6), I believe that schools play a vital role in our society. Schools are influential in shaping the future of America. Growing up, I always dreaded the idea of school because it was just another day of learning “useless information.” If it were not for the elementary teachers that taught me my basic background knowledge, I would not have gotten to where I am today. School is used to educate and equip young people and old people for the future. I believe that the purpose of education is to teach. Not only is the goal to teach, but to create an environment where young individuals enjoy learning. I believe that learning should not be sitting behind a desk for seven hours a day, but education should be exploring the world around you. To assure that all schools serve the students well, we need to set into action rules and guidelines. In recent years, school officials are trying to remove recess from a student work day to assure more time behind books. I do not agree with this idea, because it is a proven fact that when children get brain breaks, they come more equipped and can better handle the material.

The students I will be teaching is America's future. The child that is sitting in my classroom could be the first female president or a doctor that finds the cure to cancer, or even a teacher that is going to teach the next generation, how a person views their student effects how they are going to teach. If they do not believe that their students can reach max potential, then they will not teach them to max potential. As a student, it is his or her role to give it their all. A need to have a want to succeed. A need to believe in themselves and that they can do whatever they set their mind too.

As a teacher, it is my job to encourage students in everything that they do. The prime way a child is going to succeed is believing that someone is there believing in them and rooting them on along the way. As a teacher, I might come across students that do not get the love and support they need in their home; in that situation, it is my job to be their number one supporter. As a teacher, my job does not end when the clock strikes three; my job includes going to their games and cheering them on not only in academics but athletics or band. Our students cannot make it without us. As a teacher, I agree to be their cheerleader and teacher. As a teacher that values diversity, it is my responsibility to treat every child equal, whether gender, background, parents, and values. A child cannot control who their parents are or where they grew up, and it is my role as a teacher to make every child feel unique and special.

As a teacher, I need to be open to changes in my schedule. I can create an entire lesson plan and teach it and have only one child that understands what going on. In this situation, I need to come up with another way to reach other students. As a teacher, I need to design my class in a way that everyone feels special and that everyone gets their moment to shine. When it comes to classroom management, I will plan a seating arrangement in which all children can see what is going on. I will occasionally move around all of the desks, so students get the opportunity to get to know their other classmates. I will not clutter my walls in a way that is overwhelming to the students. Finally, if space allows I will have a comfy area where children can relax and read their books and occasionally do small assignments outside of their desk. I will lay my classroom out in a way where students can move around and not feel confined.

As a teacher, I want to let my parents of my students be in the know of the classroom. To me, the parents are just as important as the students. With the technology that we have today, I will use apps such as the remind app to send out messages, and class dojo to keep the parents

updated on what is going on. If some parents do not have access to technology, I will send out paper newsletters with weekly assignments that students have. One thing that was very effective when I was in elementary school was the use of a steno notebook/ planner. Once a night I had to show the steno notebook to one of my parents and have them sign it, or I would get in trouble at school the next day. To me, this is an effective way to ensure that parents are well aware of what is going on in the classroom.