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**MAET Goal Statement**

I am excited to be submitting my application for admission to the Master of Arts in Education Technology program at Michigan State University. I am requesting admission for the fall 2013 semester. Upon completion of the MAET program, I hope to gain the skills necessary to use technology appropriately and effectively in the classroom to enhance student learning. As an educator, it is of the utmost importance that I stay current with technology in order to create opportunities for student learning, growth, and success. It is my hope that this program will give me the tools that I need to use technology in my classroom successfully and with confidence as part of my everyday lessons and activities.

I am a State of Michigan, secondary certified teacher with endorsements in social studies and history. In my current position, I am working as a middle school social studies and technology teacher. My current classroom is a working computer lab and I have tried to take full advantage of having access to these computers in each of my classes. In the technology classes that I teach, the focus is on learning how to use Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and Publisher effectively. In addition, to teaching the Microsoft Suite, I try to incorporate technology into my non-technology course each day. I believe that the appropriate use of technology in the classroom helps to reach more students and allows them to learn in a 21st century environment. It is the way of the future and I aim to stay current and informed so that I can use technology as a tool to enhance student learning.

I have also has the opportunity to teach online courses through K12, an online schooling program. While working with K12, I taught various high school social studies classes in a virtual setting. As an online instructor I was responsible for delivering specific course content in an online environment while managing a virtual classroom. I enjoyed the challenge of teaching courses in an online and it inspired me to want to increase my own professional growth in the area of educational technology.

A professional long-range goal that I have set for myself is to increase my use of technology in my classroom. This is something that I strive to do every year and I firmly believe that the appropriate use of technology can help me as an educator to reach students of all different achievement levels who possess different strengths and weaknesses. I want to be able to use technology to reach all students, especially those who have gotten lost in the traditional teaching and learning model. I strongly believe that using technology as an instructional aid helps to make the material and class relevant, which in turn promotes student understanding and growth.

I believe that the MAET program will prepare me to be a leader in my school district in the area of technology. I want to take what I learn and share the information with my building and district as we all strive to move forward, preparing our students for the future. Having the skills and knowledge to be able to take full advantage of the technology that is offered in my district is crucial and I want to help others do the same.

I am very interested in all technology related concepts and advancements and how they can be effectively applied in a classroom setting. While I have a good foundation when it comes to using and teaching technology, I want to broaden my scope of knowledge and build on the understanding that I already have. I am interested in ways that I can integrate web activities and new programs and technologies such as an iPad and social networking such as Edmodo and Twitter into my classroom. I strongly believe that using technology as an instructional aid helps to make the material and class relevant, which in turn promotes student understanding and growth.

Lastly, I would like to work towards earning my NP endorsement so that it can be added to my teaching certificate. This is important to me as I already teach technology courses in my building and have experience teaching in a virtual environment. As part of my plan of study in the MAET program, I would like to take the necessary courses to receive my NP endorsement.

It is my hope that the goals that I have set forth will challenge and push me to become comfortable and confident in using educational technologies in my classroom. I aim to be able to use technology as an avenue to create opportunities for my own professional growth as well as student learning, growth, and success. I want to leave the Certificate in Educational Technology program informed, aware, and with a well-rounded skill set that will allow me to apply my new found knowledge in the classroom setting.