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### Philosophy of Education

Education should provide students with the information and resources they need to be an effective member of society, and to succeed. I believe that teachers should provide the students with the knowledge to thrive in the task presented, and it is up to the students to use that knowledge, and be able to properly apply it. The education environment should be a positive interaction between the teacher and the student. The teacher should be a role model for the student, and also be a person that the student looks to for guidance. Education plays a crucial role in a society today and is essential for students' success. Teachers play critical roles in a child's life and are influential individuals in the paths that children decide to take in their future.

I have known from a very young age that I wanted to pursue a career in education; I have a strong intuition that it is what I am supposed to do in life. Teachers are role models for young children and have a ceaseless impact on a child. It is my definitive goal to impact students in any way that I can. I believe that every child should have the opportunity to learn as they have capacity to accomplish any situation put in front of them. Many of my teachers from my childhood were great role models to me, and someone who I could look to for guidance. A classroom is a community for growth and learning with one of the biggest rewards being the ability to take previously learned knowledge, and apply it in practice.

My philosophy of education is based on the student-centered philosophy of existentialism. In order to provide my students with an effective classroom, I believe that students should have a say. With students being in close contact with each other I believe it is critical to have classroom management strategies available and at hand to help the classroom flow for the greatest possible learning. The teacher and the student should collaborate to create a community of both acceptance and respect towards one another. In order for this to happen students need to be able to self-manage their own behaviors and know the ground rules of the classroom right from the beginning of the year. In creating these rules I believe that the students should help me. A classroom is not teacher-centered, but student-centered; therefore they should get a say in how the classroom should be run. As a teacher it will be my responsibility to make

sure all students know the consequences of their actions and my rationale for why they are receiving that consequence. I believe it will help make my students be more responsible for themselves and their own actions. My philosophy of education also addresses Dewey's philosophy of progressivism. Students will be successful if they learn by doing. As a teacher, I will provide the student with the appropriate steps they need to be successful in completing a task. Having the student explore the task for themselves, with the teacher acting as guidance, will help the student succeed.

As a new era physical educator, I will apply many forms of technology and different areas of study into my program. The days of rolling the ball out in the gymnasium is over. Today, we are in a new generation of students who grew up in a technological society. It is crucial to implement these aspects into every day lessons in my classroom. The traditional games will not always be implemented in my class, but I will use them to further develop and advance my lessons to fit my students' lifestyle in order for them to be constantly engaged. I will step outside the traditional approaches of physical education and step into areas such as; outdoor education (orienteering) and adventure activities to promote physical activity into every child's daily life.

I will bring many qualities of teaching into my classroom, commencing from the love I have for physical education. I enjoy continually learning new physical education strategies, and seeing the impact that physical education has on my students. I have a very strong passion to teach children, and believe that the children will strive off of this passion. Anyone has the ability to be able to learn how to teach, but it is from your passion that a person is able to become an excellent teacher who has the ability to affect every student that they come into contact with.