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Texas Association for Literacy Education

Dear Texas Association for Literacy Education:

I would like to apply for board member of Texas Association for Literacy Education. I am a member of TALE and ILA and have presented for the past several years at the TALE conferences. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue to work alongside the leaders of TALE to continue excellence in literacy education. Additionally, I have served as treasure for TALE for the past two years.

I have been an educator for over twenty years serving as a classroom teacher, administrator, and currently manage a literacy consulting company that I began, assisting teacher growth in reading and writing. I also teach at the University of Houston-Clear Lake educating students in literacy. I have a master's degree in Educational Administration and I have recently successfully defended my doctorate at Stephen F. Austin State University in Educational Leadership, Curriculum and Instruction.

I believe my passion in educator preparedness, especially in literacy, makes me an excellent candidate for an At-Large Direction position for TALE. I strive to educate pre-service literacy teachers as well as current English Language Arts teachers knowing that if each is educated well, they will educate their students well. I believe TALE can encourage and recruit pre-service teachers, in addition, to current literacy teachers, which will continue the vision of TALE.

I am confident that my experience as an educator of literacy leaders and my vision for literacy education for pre-service and current English Language Arts teachers will be an asset serving as a board member for TALE.

Sincerely,

Codi Freeman

CODI L. FREEMAN, ED.D

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- 22 year educational career including teaching, literacy instructional coaching, district administration and campus administration
- Adjunct Professor, University of Houston-Clear Lake
- Executive Board Member, TALE, treasurer
- Credentials include current Texas Generalist EC-4, Generalist 4-8, Principal K-12
- Trained by Ohio State Literacy Academy as a Literacy Coach
- Trained by Heart of the Matter as a Cognitive Coach
- 15 years as an educational consultant and presenter

Experience

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Content. Specialist, 2018-present

- Duties include: training teachers in Texas districts in the new TEKS, Writer's Workshop, Guided Reading, Balanced Literacy, and various teaching resources for grades PreK-8

District Elementary ELA Coordinator, 2017- 2018, Sheldon ISD, Sheldon, TX, (281) 727-2000

- duties include: oversight of District ELA program, ongoing revision of district curriculum, facilitate of needs' assessment at the campus and district level, develop and provide ongoing staff development

Freeman Educational Consulting, 2002-present, Baytown, TX (713) 553-4228

- duties include: literacy work with districts in Texas and Missouri to improve instruction for student success, curriculum writing and revision, presentations at national, state, and regional conferences for reading and writing, oversight of training and implementation of literacy consultants

University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2016-present, Clear Lake, TX, (281) 283-7600

- duties include: adjunct professor teaching Survey of Reading, Reading in the Content Subjects, Multicultural Literature

District Elementary ELA Coordinator, 2013-2016, Deer Park ISD, Deer Park, TX, (832) 668-7000

- duties include: oversight of District ELA program, ongoing revision of district curriculum, facilitate of needs' assessment at the campus and district level, develop and provide ongoing staff development

Elementary Assistant Principal, 2012-2013, Crosby ISD, Crosby, TX (281) 328-9200

- duties include: assist campus principal in the overall administration of instructional programs and campus level operations, serve as appraiser for teacher appraisal system

District Elementary Instructional Coach, 2008-2012, Goose Creek ISD, Baytown, TX, (281) 420-4800

- duties include: literacy coaching, modeled lessons, observations, data analysis at the student, teacher, campus and district levels, coach/mentor campus coaches, development of curriculum and assessments, mentoring/coaching new teachers, district staff development, small group instruction

District Elementary Instructional Coach, 2007-2008, Excelsior Springs School District, Excelsior Springs, MO, (816) 630-9290

- duties included: assist with the implementation of district curriculum and effective teaching practices through classroom modeling, teacher observations, and collaboration, provide staff in-services, development of balanced assessments, assist with building grade level instructional planning, assist building administration with instructional focus/Campus Improvement Plans

Elementary Educator, 2006-2007, Lee's Summit School District, Lee's Summit, MO, (816) 986-2200, Richardson Elementary

- duties included: second grade classroom teacher, PTA teacher representative, building level PDC representative, administrative intern

Education

Ed.D., Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches, TX

Principal Certification Cohort, Region IV Service Center, Houston, TX, May 2008

MEd, University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO, May 2007

BA, Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, MO, May 1999

Recent Accomplishments

Highly sought after presenter presenting for Region 3, Region 4, Region 5, Harris County Department of Education, TALE

Awarded for the *SERA Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award* at the national conference 2017 & 2018

References

Roberta Raymond, Assistant Professor, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 281-283-3593

Tina Herrington, Superintendent, Wharton ISD, Wharton, TX (361) 772-6448

Lea Ann Boswell, Principal, Fairmont Elementary, Deer Park ISD, Deer Park, TX (832) 668-8500

Jessica Tracy, Principal, First Baptist Academy, Pasadena, TX (832) 434-0216
