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Professional Goals Statement

Teachers who display professionalism, in my opinion, continually find ways to increase their knowledge. With this belief, I would like to continue my education through the Masters of Arts in Education program at Michigan State University with the Sport Leadership and Coaching Concentration. I am currently a physical educator and coach of two sports at West Iron County Public Schools in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

As a professional, I am committed to finding the best ways to reach and instruct my students and athletes. Considering the world changes constantly, I believe continuing my education in this field will help me become a more effective leader within my school and community. It is one of my goals to help my students achieve a life full of promise and help them fulfill their own personal goals in life. I want to show my students that they are capable to do anything they wish, as long as they put forth the effort needed to pursue those goals. I ask my students to create their own definition of success, and we work towards achieving their definition with the hope it will guide their decisions throughout their lives. Another of my personal goals is to become a teacher and coach that the students and athletes respect and will look back upon as someone that helped influence their life positively. Continuing my education sets an example of the importance of an education.

Overall, I would like to help create a physical education and athletic program that helps students become productive young men and women combined with the competitive aspects of sport. Through guidance, I want to mold the students and athletes to gain core values and principles through the athletic and education atmospheres. Athletics, as well as school, is an important place where students are able to learn about important aspects of life such as leadership, commitment, collective responsibility, and other life skills necessary in the real world. Many students are not taught these values at home, exemplifying why teaching and coaching are so important. Continuing my education with the Sport Leadership and Coaching Concentration will allow me to become more adept with applying many of these characteristics I expect my students to achieve.

Individually, I want to become the best leader I can become, both in teaching and coaching. As a beginning teacher and coach, I realize I will need to continually learn about the ever changing profession. Choosing the Sport Leadership and Coaching Concentration will help me discover strategies that will be useful not only in coaching, but also as a physical educator. Many aspects of physical education correlate to sport. As a coach, I often feel that I am a teacher before my coaching duties begin. New developments are constantly being discovered within education and sport. This program will allow me to learn more about these

items within a structured setting allowing me to have more knowledge to become a more effective teacher and coach.

The online learning format works best for me because I am currently employed at a great distance from East Lansing. I was fortunate enough to attain a Kinesiology degree as well as teacher certification from Michigan State University. I learned a tremendous amount through all of my courses which leads me to believe that this program would be a great asset to my toolbox of knowledge of the subject matter. The convenience of taking classes online will allow me to continue teaching and coaching, as well as learning more about the profession. I have had experience with online courses during my undergraduate studies, and it allowed me to continue with other responsibilities outside of classes. Now, completing this program online will provide me the convenience to continue with my career while learning at the same time.

I am looking to obtain a Masters of Arts in Education degree with the Sport Leadership and Coaching concentration in order to help become a more effective leader within my school, both as a teacher and coach, as well as in my community. I plan to convey the knowledge I will gain from the program to the students and athletes I will encounter as I continue my career. With the education I will receive, I plan to improve the programs that I am currently apart of as well as any others I may encounter in the future.