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To whom it may concern,

My name is Edria Kinlaw and I am currently seeking a position as a school counselor at a K-12 school in North Carolina. I have been a teacher for 21 years, teaching health/PE, social studies and science to middle school students at Williams Township School and Acme Delco Middle School in Columbus County Schools. The experiences I had as a teacher prompted me to apply to the Master's program for School Counseling at UNCP and be accepted, allowing me to learn a different way to meet student needs through counseling. While I have enjoyed teaching students, I look forward to entering a different role in student support services.

In order to complete my graduate degree requirements I will spend the next year and a half completing practicum and internship requirements. Operating as a school counselor in the PRC-145 School Counselor position would give me the ability to continue my pursuit of higher education and also provide counseling services to students in our county. While I am new to the field of counseling, I believe I can bring both experience and fresh, innovative ideas to this position, ultimately creating a positive effect on student educational outcomes.

I would love to have the opportunity to begin my career in counseling at your school and share more ideas that I have to improve the counseling program at your school. I have a close and personal connection to the area and hope to be able to provide some support for students, teachers, administrators, and parents. I look forward to hearing from you soon in regard to an interview. I have attached my resume for your review as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Edria V. Kinlaw