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Todd S. Mann
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Magnet Schools of America
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Dear Mr. Mann,

I am responding with interest to the announcement regarding the open board position of Specialized Director for Magnet Schools of America. I firmly believe that my combination of experience and skills would be an exemplary match with the position. A copy of my resume accompanies this cover letter, and I would like to highlight the qualities and credentials that would be most relevant to this position.

I currently serve as the Magnet Director for the Texarkana Montage Project, a Magnet Schools Assistance Program Grant that was awarded for the 2017-2022 grant cycle to Texarkana Arkansas School District in the amount of \$14.8 million. As Magnet Director, I oversee three diverse magnet campuses that have a focus on STEM with the Arts. Prior to that I served as a Magnet Coordinator at the campus level and as a Magnet Instructional Technology Specialist under the Texarkana Lead Project, MSAP funded in the 2013-2016 grant cycle in the amount of \$9.1 million.

I have worked in education for the past eight years and have a deep commitment to the five pillars of magnet school excellence. Through my experiences I have worked with students from diverse backgrounds at both the elementary and secondary levels. I had the privilege to attend a magnet school as a high school student and understand the impact it can have on one's life and opportunities. I also recently completed my doctorate at the University of Florida and am committed to advancing the body of research on magnet schools. My dissertation focus was on technology integration in magnet schools. I believe that we have a unique opportunity through research to develop resources that MSA members can use to advocate for their schools.

Due to my experience as Magnet Director for the Texarkana Montage Project, I am uniquely equipped to provide guidance to members and leadership of Magnet Schools of America, while staying grounded as a practicing educator. I also have experience serving on a Board of Directors, as I am currently on the Board of Directors for the Texarkana Regional Arts and Humanities Council.

I would be honored to serve as a Specialized Director for Magnet Schools of America. I believe that magnet schools continue to be a shining beacon in public education and will endeavor to advance the efforts of the organization.

Sincerely,

Rachel H. Scott