

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm Paul Diaz, an SLP with Highline Public Schools (www.hsd401.org) in Washington State. Would it be possible for you to pass along to students in your graduate program that there are current job openings for SLPs in our school district? It may be quite a move for some of your students to consider a job near Seattle but with a unique culture and a robust economy this may be the kind of place some of your students would like to call home or maybe even home for a year while they complete their CFY.

You could say that we're quite close to Seattle, in fact we have SLPs who live in the city, not to mention the eastside and they still find it a convenient drive or bus ride to work. We have a group that is small enough that we have a friendly and supportive relationship with our peers yet large enough that we're able to have opportunities to research areas of interest to us to share with the larger group.

As a recent graduate from the University of Washington (class of 2007) I can say that I've felt fully supported with great mentors and advocates who have been in the field for a number of years and yet I've been able to enjoy a more youthful energy and new ideas (who knows, maybe we can start SLP tweets!) with several of us who graduated at about the same time.

I look forward to hearing from you and any students who may be interested and regardless we wish them well as they complete or near the completion of your program, knowing personally the high standards we all must meet to be a part of this great field.

Sincerely,

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