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Volunteer Hours Prompt Response

My time volunteering and observing has heavily informed my decision to become a teacher. During my hours volunteering, observing and substitute teaching, I have realized that I take much joy from helping others, whether they be students in a classroom setting or the people I assisted during my time with the CBO. I get an overwhelming sense of satisfaction when I am able to help students in school. Sometimes it may be helping them realize an answer to a problem they are working on, pointing them in the right direction during their research and studies or just general life advice that these kids may need. There are many students who don't have an adult figure in their life who they are comfortable talking to or asking for help, and during my time with other teachers I found that this is just as important as helping your students with their course work. I have been able to fully realize the importance that teachers have on many people's lives and how positively they can influence others. Before my volunteer and observation hours, I had always respected my teachers and faculty who have given me the right tools and resources to be successful in their class. I also had many teachers and faculty who were extremely helpful in influencing me positively outside of the classroom, guiding me to become someone who looks to make positive impacts on others. Once I was in a position in a classroom where students were looking to me for help and advice, I truly began to realize that these students look up to their teachers as role models, and that my actions have a great impact on the students. I have spent a lot of time thinking about how I plan to be a teacher that can be resourceful and personable to their students, so they always feel respected and trusted, as well know that I am there to help them succeed in my classroom. My time with other teachers and the CBO I was with has inspired me to become a leader in my community, and not just the school that I am employed at, I believe that teaching is the perfect career for me to positively impact others, so they feel inspired to spread that resourcefulness and respect along, as well as help students realize their full potential and guide them in the right direction academically.