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Information Technology Systems Administrator II | Poudre School District

Cover letter

Hi Poudre School District team,

I call myself a technomancer. Technology has felt like magic to me since I was a kid, but the work I care about most is making it dependable for someone else. A server that recovers properly, access that works when it should, or a problem that stops coming back can make a real difference to someone's day.

That is what draws me to your Systems Administrator II role. The district needs someone who can look after the infrastructure, work through difficult escalations and leave the team with clearer tools and documentation. In schools, those systems sit behind people who already have plenty to think about. I would like to help keep the technology from becoming another obstacle.

FRII is the closest match. I spent years there before the company changed hands, led the NOC and eventually became the sole systems engineer for about a year, with the NOC still handling first-line calls. I was responsible for escalations, monitoring and recovery verification, while also moving workloads from Hyper-V and VMware ESXi into Docker and Kubernetes. I built tooling for the people operating and using our hosting infrastructure, and ran our SOC 1 and SOC 2 audits. Keeping systems running and making the work understandable to someone else went together.

Through Technomancy, I have continued doing hands-on IT work rather than just advising from the sidelines. For Excell Services in Wray, I modernized legacy servers and endpoints, implemented Windows Server and Active Directory, and set up VPN access for corporate users and a satellite location. My broader client work includes Microsoft 365 administration, more than five years working with Azure, and Entra ID implementation and application integration. Before that, IBM gave me experience with shared enterprise infrastructure, backup automation and coordinating changes across teams.

I am self-taught, and investigating unfamiliar systems has always been part of how I work. I like finding the cause, fixing what is actually broken and leaving a useful tool or procedure behind. Leading the NOC also taught me that being the person an issue escalates to is not enough; the team needs a better path the next time it happens.

I am local to Northern Colorado and would welcome the chance to bring that mix of systems ownership, practical engineering and care for the people using the technology to Poudre. Making complicated systems feel straightforward is still the part that feels like magic to me.

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