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Ms. Christina Jolliffe, Metro Editor
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Dear Ms. Jolliffe,

I am 36 years old and in my final semester of college. I own a cell phone. So does my husband. Our 8-year-old child does not.

There is a major epidemic of children getting cell phones in the Elyria School System. They carry their cell phones to school every day.

I propose a 2,000 word article regarding the issues around children owning and using cell phones. I propose to interview the principals in the Elyria elementary schools, asking them questions like: How many cell phones do you confiscate in a week's time?; What is the youngest age of a student carrying a cell phone?

I would also propose interviewing the school system's administration, specifically the superintendant, asking them how severely they enforce the rules regarding cell phones in school. Being that this article is centered around Elyria schools, I also propose to incorporate the comparisons between Elyria's figures and the national statistics.

Upon acceptance, I can prepare a rough draft, ready for review within four weeks. The format for this story can be flexible to the magazine's needs.

I am also including my resume for your review. I have experience with editing, writing and proofreading, along with technical writing and grant and proposal writing. I am currently a senior at Cleveland State University, looking to graduate in May 2008. Writing samples from my educational history, along with my past employment experiences can be found at my Web site: eportfolio.cathyhennes.com.