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Dear Hiring Committee,

I am writing to express my strong interest in pursuing a career in the field of education as a secondary mathematics educator. There are many qualifications that make me a stand out candidate for your consideration.

The rigor of the credential program at Sonoma State University has prepared me to be able to teach a diverse array of courses. Through my coursework, I became fluent in the Common Core Standards for Mathematical Practice (2010) as well as the Common Core Mathematical Content Standards (2010). I have also become well versed in the California English Language Development Framework (2015). My professors at Sonoma State University have given me the skills to create engaging lesson plans that will reach a variety of learners, including all levels of English Language Learners, students with IEPs or 504s, and even gifted and talented students, while keeping the curriculum rigorous and content driven.

I am currently interning at Petaluma High School. I am teaching three Integrated Math 1 courses and assisting in an Integrated Math 2 course. Planning the curriculum and managing these classes on my own have challenged me to improve my ability to provide a safe learning community with engaging and inclusive lesson plans.

Through edTPA (Education Teacher Performance Assessment) I have demonstrated my ability to plan, instruct, and assess students. My success on this rigorous, nationally accredited exam shows that I am a highly qualified candidate.

My experience planning in professional learning communities has taught me that collaboration with other teachers is one of the most important aspects of becoming a successful teacher and as a result, I strive to be an active participant in any educational community.

For more details regarding my qualifications and achievements, please see my resume attached. I will contact you within the next week to discuss employment opportunities; in the meantime, if you have any questions please contact me at (949) 892-0929 or merkin@sonoma.edu.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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