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To Whom It May Concern,

Subject: Application for Teacher Teaching on Call (TTOC) – Richmond School District (SD38)

I am writing to enthusiastically apply for a Secondary STEM teaching position within the Richmond School District (SD38). As a dedicated TRU Teacher Candidate, I bring a robust scientific foundation with a Bachelor of Natural Resources Science from TRU and a Bachelor of Forest in Science from UBC. This is complemented by three years of accredited secondary STEM teaching experience in China and a deep understanding of BC regulatory standards gained from managing teacher qualification audits.

What truly sets me apart is my cross-cultural empathy and bilingual background, which align perfectly with Richmond's diverse student demographic. I utilize Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and Differentiated Instruction (DI) to make abstract STEM concepts highly accessible to all learners, including English Language Learners (ELL) and students with specialized IEP needs. During my practicum at Valleyview Secondary School, I successfully cultivated curiosity-driven classrooms through gamified simulations and hands-on modeling.

I am deeply drawn to SD38's commitment to equity and inclusivity. Beyond the classroom, I am highly eager to support your extra-curricular school culture. As a former TRU Varsity Badminton team member, I would love to coach after-school badminton programs, while also volunteering with STEM or Eco-Clubs to foster environmental stewardship.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to discussing how my strong scientific background, cross-cultural empathy, and passion for athletics can serve the students of Richmond.

Sincerely,

Shiyu Ma