

Dear Hiring Committee,

I am writing to express my strong interest in the Classroom Teacher position for the Junior School (Years 1-3) at Patoka School. With 18 years of dedicated experience in Foundation Phase and Special Education, I am confident that my expertise and passion for inclusive, supportive learning environments make me an exceptional candidate for this role.

My professional background is deeply rooted in supporting diverse learners, with extensive experience working with students with special educational needs including autism, Down syndrome, ADHD, and intellectual disabilities. My Bachelor of Education in Foundation Phase, coupled with my current New Zealand Teaching Registration, provides a solid foundation for delivering high-quality, adaptive educational experiences.

Throughout my career, I have developed specialized skills in curriculum adaptation, behavior modification, and creating inclusive classroom environments that support every child's unique learning journey. My Makaton Certification and Sign Language qualifications further demonstrate my commitment to communication accessibility and supporting students with diverse communication needs.

Patoka School's reputation for nurturing individual potential strongly resonates with my educational philosophy. I am particularly excited about the opportunity to contribute my expertise in early childhood development and learning support to your Junior School team. My approach focuses on creating a supportive, engaging, and inclusive learning environment where every child can thrive.

My bilingual background in English and Afrikaans, combined with my extensive experience in special education, enables me to connect with students and colleagues from diverse backgrounds. I am passionate about developing innovative teaching strategies that meet individual student needs while maintaining high educational standards.

I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how my skills and experience align with Patoka School's educational vision.

Warm regards,

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