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Dear Hiring Manager,

I am writing to apply for the Curriculum Developer position at Codecademy advertised on the Built In NYC website.

In my five years working as an educator in underserved communities, I have grown familiar with the scope of access to education in America. While teaching full-time in a high-stakes charter school and earning my masters degree, I spent my personal time taking coding classes, self-educating myself in computer science, and creating personal websites and applications. My own interest in computer science in a society growing more and more dependent on technology helped me recognize the lack of access to computer science education for my students. Starting my school's first Coding Club, in which I spent time every day after school teaching middle schoolers HTML, CSS, and Javascript, fueled my personal responsibility to ensure access to excellent education for students of all backgrounds. Working on the Codecademy team will couple my passion for education with my love for computer science, and I want to be part of a company whose mission is to better the world by proliferating quality computer science education.

I would be a successful Curriculum Developer because I have a nuanced understanding of education, data driven instruction, and collaboration. Over the past five years, I have used student data to design and refine my curricula. Every week, I led meetings with my co-teachers to discuss the most significant misconceptions seen from student work and what we needed to change in our curricula to close those gaps. Last year, as a result of these weekly data meetings, constantly reflecting on what was and wasn't working with our curriculum, and redesigning lessons based on data, our scholars scored 159th out of 2,133 schools in New York state on the standardized summative state exam - the most year-over-year growth in our entire school network.

Given my experience, I am ready and eager to research and design curricula and to collaborate with my colleagues at Codecademy to refine the curricula to create a rigorous and engaging learner experience.

For additional details regarding my expertise and career achievements, please review my attached resume. I look forward to hearing from you so we can discuss the position and your needs in detail. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Evan Emenegger