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I am writing this letter on behalf of Conner Mitchell. With the exception of one semester Conner has been a student in the Oregon City School District since he entered kindergarten. He has participated in a variety of school and athletic events during this time. He wants to be a member this year in one of our OSAA sanctioned programs.

Conner entered Oregon City High School in the fall of 2012. During this time he suffered from depression and at times made poor decisions. He has always been on track to graduate and has even taken summer classes to keep himself ahead. The OSAA has declared him ineligible for "Transfer to a School with Affiliation". Conner transferred to Lake Oswego High School after our first trimester in 2014 and spent one only semester there. He did not participate in any activities at Lake Oswego. Conner transferred thinking that it would be a better place for him to be. Conner sustained a concussion towards the end of last season and this is only one of many issues that he has struggled through. Coupled with his depression and issues of self worth he made that poor decision and decided to transfer schools. After school was out in the Spring of 2015 Conner decided to transfer back to OCHS so that he could graduate and participate in OSAA sanctioned athletics with the classmates he grew up with. He has followed all the correct processes (Intent to Transfer Request) but since he transferred during the school year last year and played in our own football program in the Fall of 2014 the OSAA requires a hardship to the District Committee. Conner and his family are well established in the Oregon City Community and this is the best place for him to finish both his educational and athletic career,

Based on the circumstances to Conner and where he is today (he is receiving counseling and went to summer school to pick up and additional 1.5 credits) I am a strong advocate for Conner to be granted eligibility and for you to approve this hardship request. If you need any more information please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

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