

The Dalles Riverhawks

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OSAA-Tom Welter
Executive Director

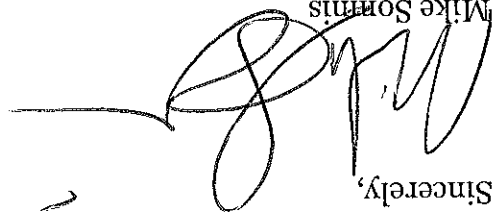
Dear Mr. Welter,

I am writing this letter of support for The Dalles student athlete Antonio Argueta. Antonio is currently a senior at The Dalles High School. At this time Antonio has been ruled ineligible due to OSAA rules 8.6 (Transfer without change of joint residence).

Antonio is a student who has resided in The Dalles throughout his High School career. In the middle of the 2014-2015 school year, Antonio's Grandmother died and left his mother a house in Antelope, OR. The family moved there and Antonio was sent to South Wasco County High School. Antonio did not do well and re-enrolled in The Dalles in March. He wanted to graduate with his senior class that he came up with, so his mother allowed him to live with family friends for his final year in The Dalles. Antonio's family situation is a very unstable one, and he has been able to find some stability in the last half year.

Antonio is a major risk to dropout without the structure and guidance that sports afford him in his life. We will be closely monitoring his academic progress under the The Dalles' eligibility policies. I am graciously asking that his eligibility be reinstated to keep him moving forward in his quest to graduate and not become an unfortunate dropout statistic.

Sincerely,



Mike Sommis
Athletic Director/Vice Principal