



September 17, 2015

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Nate Underwood
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Vernonia High School
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RE: Stephen Burns' Athletic Eligibility

Cindy Simmons
Assistant Executive Director
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Dear Nate:

The OSAA Eligibility Appeals Board (EAB) met Monday, August 31, 2015 to review the eligibility request waiver of OSAA Rule 8.6 *Transfer without Change of Joint Residence* for Steven Burns, whose athletic eligibility had been denied by the District Athletic Committee of the 2A Northwest League. The hearing was conducted at the OSAA office in Wilsonville.

Peter Weber
Assistant Executive Director
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The Appeals Board reviewed all of the written information that had been submitted on behalf of the student. In addition to the original information received by the District Athletic Committee, the EAB received the rationale for the DAC's denial of eligibility and the email request for an appeal from Gordon Jarman, Athletic Director, Vernonia H S, with an explanation of why the eligibility request was a hardship. During the hearing, the Board listened to comments and testimony by Steven Burns, the student; Thor Ware, family friend; Blade Ware, Thor's son and school friend; Gordon Jarman, Athletic Director, Vernonia H S; Nate Underwood, Principal, Vernonia H S; and Aaron Miller, Superintendent, Vernonia SD. Following the dialogue and questions, the Eligibility Appeals Board convened into executive session.

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From the written documentation submitted and the oral testimony provided at the hearing, the Eligibility Appeals Board concluded the following:

Steve Walker
Sports Information Director
Ext. 232
steveuw@osaa.org

Findings of Fact:

1. Steven attended Vernonia Elementary School up through the 3rd grade. Aaron Miller, Supt., Vernonia SD, was Steven's principal when Steven was attending Vernonia Elementary School and remembers that his family situation was difficult even then. Last school year, 2014-15, as a junior, Steven was living with his parents and attending Rainier H S. Steven participated in 5 JV football games as a sophomore at Rainier H S.
2. Steven was living in the basement of his mother and stepfather's house in damp, moldy, unheated conditions with insects and frogs last Fall. He started staying at friends' homes and was texted by his parents to get his things and move out. The basement door was locked so he could not get his clothes and other items without paying for them. The Larson family in Rainier let Steven live in their empty motorhome.
3. Thor Ware's son, Blade, has been friends with Steven since 8th grade. When the Ware family moved back to Rainier from Wyoming, Blade asked his family in late January 2015 if Steven could move in with them. Being with the Ware family has provided stability, regular meals, and social and physical activity keeping up with the four Ware brothers in the household. Steven is attending school regularly, has made up credits, is getting better grades, and appreciates and enjoys living with the Wares. He would like to participate in football and track & field.
4. After moving back to Rainier and having Steven move in with them, Mr. Ware applied in April 2015 and was hired for a teaching position and football coaching position at Vernonia H S. The family, including Steven, plan to move to Vernonia but need to find a large home. The family received a reciprocal agreement to have their sons attend school in Vernonia and Steven submitted a "Student Intent to

Transfer Certificate" May 20, 2015 that was signed and approved by Mr. Miller June 10, 2015. As the homeless student liaison for the school district, Mr. Underwood emphasized that the friendships made through athletic participation of homeless students improves the odds of that student finishing high school.

5. Vernonia HS submitted an Eligibility Request to the 2A-Northwest League District Athletic Committee August 19, 2015. The DAC denied the eligibility request on August 23, 2015 and Vernonia H S requested an appeal on August 27, 2015.

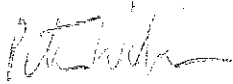
Conclusions:

The EAB may grant an exception to the transfer rule "when in its opinion there are circumstances beyond the control of each of the student and the student's parent(s), or other circumstances whereby enforcement of the rule would work an undue hardship upon the student." After reviewing the facts and testimony presented, the EAB concluded that the decision to transfer Steven to Vernonia H S, along with the Ware sons, was made in Steven's best interest and convenience for the Ware family and not for any athletic gain. There was no undue influence, based upon the timeline of Mr. Ware's application for the teaching and coaching positions and the demonstrated hardship of Steven's homelessness.

Therefore, the Eligibility Appeals Board voted (5-0) to overturn the DAC denial of eligibility. Steven Burns is eligible to participate in OSAA activities effective September 1, 2015.

It is our sincere hope that this waiver will be of benefit to the student.

Sincerely,



Peter Weber
Assistant Executive Director

PW/ar

cc: Gordon Jarman, Athletic Director, Vernonia H S
Thor and Daryn Ware, Guardians
Greg Turner, Athletic Director, Faith Bible Christian School, 2A Northwest League, DAC
Chairperson



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Student Eligibility Request Form

Form ID Number
20150059

Type of Waiver

Transfer to School with Affiliation Hardship Appeal
OSAA Rule 8.6.5 - Send directly to District Athletic Committee

Submitted 8/19/2015
2015-16 School Year

Vernonia High School Information

1000 Missouri Avenue
Vernonia, OR 97064
(503) 429-1333

Nate Underwood, Principal
nunderwood@vernonia.k12.or.us
(503) 429-1333

Gordon Jarman, Athletic Director
gjarman@vernonia.k12.or.us
(503) 429-1333 x1344

Student Information

Steven Burns

DOB: 10/12/1997

Age: 17 years 10 months (as of 8/19/15)

Current Address

Thor and Daryn Ware
Family Friend
75788
Price Rd.
Rainier, OR 97048

Parent/Guardian

Thor and Daryn Ware
Family Friend
75788
Price Rd.
Rainier, OR 97048

Last Year's Address

Same as current address

coachware@yahoo.com
(208) 409-0136

(208) 409-0136

Letter from Steven is attached.

Attends: Vernonia High School
Previous: Rainier Jr/Sr High School

Grade: 12

Has IEP? No

Meeting IEP? N/A

Enrollment Record

SY	GR Period	Dates	School	# Credits Earned	# Classes Passed
2014-15	111st Semester	9/7/14 to 1/23/15	Rainier Jr, Sr. High School/ North Columbia Academy	3	6
2014-15	112nd Semester	1/26/15 to 6/9/15	Rainier Jr, Sr. High/North Columbia Academy	2.25	6


Affirmation Statement

Under penalty of perjury, I do affirm that no coach, parent, administrator, teacher, or other representative of the current school initiated contact or offered any inducements for the purpose of having the student attend the current school for athletic participation. Further, I authorize release of permanent school records to the Oregon School Activities Association.

Both signatures are required.



Parent Signature (or host family)


Principal / Superintendent**Directions**

Ensure the Affirmation Statement section has both signatures. Send this printed Student Eligibility Request Form and any attached files to your District Athletic Committee. Do not send this to the OSAA office. Keep a copy for your school's records. Allow five business days for your request to be processed. Once a decision is made, the District Athletic Committee will notify your school.


Send a printed version of this form directly to your District Athletic Committee with any other printed attachments.

District Athletic Committee Decision

This section is to be filled out by the District Athletic Committee. Once a decision has been made, the committee shall contact the school regarding the outcome and forward a copy of this completed form and any supplemental materials to the OSAA office.

Bryan Lewellen
Chairperson's Name (print)

Aug 23, 2015
Date

 (Greg Turner for Bryan Lewellen)
Chairperson's Signature

☐ Approved

☒ Denied

City Christian Athletic Director
Chairperson's School & Position

Notes:

Appeals Process

Appeals of decisions made by the District Athletic Committee are heard by the OSAA Eligibility Appeals Board. Appeals must be requested in writing, or e-mail, and submitted to the OSAA Executive Director.

Any party filing an appeal of a decision made by the District Athletic Committee to the OSAA Eligibility Appeals Board shall be assessed a filing fee of \$100 to defray the costs to the Association of assembling the respective appeals bodies to hear the appeal.

If a waiver is denied by the OSAA Eligibility Appeals Board, an appeal can be made to a Hearings Officer under OSAA Handbook Rule 9, "Hearings Officer." Appeals to the Hearings Officer shall include an appeal fee of \$250.

For additional information, please refer to the OSAA Handbook available at www.osaa.org/governance/handbooks.

Amerilyn Rivett

From: Turner, Greg <Greg.Turner@faithkids.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 1:52 PM
To: Amerilyn Rivett
Cc: Brandon Lidgard (brandonl@delphian.org); Bryan Lewellen (blewellen@citychristianschools.com)
Subject: RE: DAC Denial of Vernonia HS Student's Eligibility Request

Good afternoon,

The vote to deny the Eligibility Request for Steven Burns was unanimous (3-0) and based on the following rationale:

- 1) There was no valid change of joint residence. Although Steven was kicked out of the home, legal guardianship remained with the mother.
- 2) Upon leaving the house, Steven moved in with a friend. He later moved in with another family, the father of which is the Head Football coach at Vernonia. This, in our opinion, raises too many "red flags" in regards to possible athletic motivation for the transfer.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions,

Greg Turner
Athletic Director
Faith Bible Christian School
(503)681-8254

Student Name Burns, Steven Rae				Rainier School District Rainier Jr./Sr. High School Accredited by the Northwest Accreditation Commission		Rainier High School Transcript Rainier Jr./Sr. High School August 17, 2015	
Perm ID 196682	State ID 7950942	Grd 11	Gen M				
BirthPlace Roseburg		Date Of Birth 10/12/1997		Diploma Type Regular		Phone 503-556-4215	Fax 503-556-1120
Mailing Address 75788 Price Rd Rainier, OR 97048				Graduation Date		School Address 28170 Old Rainier Rd Rainier, OR 97048	

Subject	Course Title	Mark	Cred Att/Cmp	Subject	Course Title	Mark	Cred Att/Cmp	Subject	Course Title	Mark	Cred Att/Cmp		
Rainier Jr./Sr. High School				North Columbia Academy				Rainier Jr./Sr. High School					
Yr. 2011	Term	Grade	09	Yr. 2013	Term	S1	Grade	10	Yr. 2014	Term	S1	Grade	11
MA	Algebra 1 A	D-	0.50 / 0.50	SC	Chemistry	F	0.50 / 0.00	EN	American Literature A	C	0.50 / 0.50		
MA	Algebra 1 B	D-	0.50 / 0.50	SS	US History A	D-	0.50 / 0.50	MA	Intermediate Algebra A	F	0.50 / 0.00		
Cred Att: 1.00	Cred Cmo: 1.00	GPA: 1.000			Government A	F	0.50 / 0.00	EL	Math Lab A	P	0.50 / 0.50		
North Columbia Academy				AF	Career Exploration A	F	0.50 / 0.00	SC	Advanced Physical Science	D	0.50 / 0.50		
Yr. 2012	Term	Grade	09	Cred Att: 3.00	Cred Cmo: 0.50	GPA: 0.167		AF	Spanish I A	A-	0.50 / 0.50		
EN	English/Language Arts I (9 D	0.50 / 0.50		Rainier Jr./Sr. High School				EL	Strength Training A	C	0.50 / 0.50		
AF	Speech - Public Speaking W	0.50 / 0.00		Yr. 2013	Term	S1	Grade	10	SC	Animal Science A	D+	0.50 / 0.50	
MA	Principles of Algebra and C	0.50 / 0.50		EL	Strength Training A	C+	0.50 / 0.50	Cred Att: 3.50	Cred Cmo: 3.00	GPA: 1.687			
SS	World Geography B	D	0.50 / 0.50	Cred Att: 0.50	Cred Cmo: 0.50	GPA: 2.000		North Columbia Academy					
PE	Physical Education B	A	0.25 / 0.25	North Columbia Academy				Yr. 2014	Term	S2	Grade	11	
HE	Health Education B	A-	0.25 / 0.25	Yr. 2013	Term	S2	Grade	10	EL	Algebra 2B	A+	0.25 / 0.25	
AF	Computer Applications B	D-	0.50 / 0.50	EL	Reading Strategies	C	0.50 / 0.50	SC	Environmental Science	F	0.25 / 0.00		
EL	Teacher Aid B	P	0.50 / 0.50	MA	Applied Algebra B	A	0.50 / 0.50	EL	Independent Study B	P	0.00 / 0.00		
Cred Att: 3.00	Cred Cmo: 3.00	GPA: 2.000		MA	Algebra/Geometry 1 B	D-	0.50 / 0.50	Cred Att: 0.50	Cred Cmo: 0.25	GPA: 2.000			
Rainier Jr./Sr. High School				SS	US History 2	C	1.00 / 1.00	Rainier Jr./Sr. High School					
Yr. 2012	Term	Grade	09	HE	Health & Life Management F	0.50 / 0.00		Yr. 2014	Term	S2	Grade	11	
EN	9 Language Arts A	F	0.50 / 0.00	EL	Independent Study B	F	0.00 / 0.00	EN	American Literature B	D-	0.50 / 0.50		
MA	Geometry A	F	0.50 / 0.00	EL	Independent Study B	B	0.00 / 0.00	EL	Math Lab B	P	0.50 / 0.50		
SC	Principles of Earth and Ph: F	0.50 / 0.00		Cred Att: 3.00	Cred Cmo: 2.50	GPA: 1.714		SC	Advanced Physical Science	C	0.50 / 0.50		
SS	World History A	F	0.50 / 0.00	Rainier Jr./Sr. High School				EL	Strength Training B	B+	0.50 / 0.50		
AF	Art A	F	0.50 / 0.00	Yr. 2014	Term	Grade	11	Cred Att: 2.00	Cred Cmo: 2.00	GPA: 2.000			
AF	Spanish I A	F	0.50 / 0.00	EN	Online English I	C-	0.50 / 0.50						
PE	9 PE A	C	0.50 / 0.50	MA	Online Geometry	D	1.00 / 1.00						
PE	Strength Training B	A-	0.50 / 0.50	MA	Intermediate Algebra	D+	0.25 / 0.25						
Cred Att: 4.00	Cred Cmo: 1.00	GPA: 0.750		EL	Online Algebra 2	D-	0.50 / 0.50						
North Columbia Academy				SC	Online Earth Science	C+	0.50 / 0.50						
Yr. 2013	Term	Grade	10	SC	Animal Science	D-	0.25 / 0.25						
SC	Physical Science - Online B	1.00 / 1.00		AF	Online Spanish I	C	0.50 / 0.50						
Cred Att: 1.00	Cred Cmo: 1.00	GPA: 3.000		AF	Online Spanish II	C	1.00 / 1.00						
North Columbia Academy				AF	Spanish I B	F	0.50 / 0.00						
Yr. 2013	Term	S1	Grade	10	HE	Online Health	B-	1.00 / 1.00					
EN	10 Language Arts A	F	0.50 / 0.00	EL	Math Lab	B-	0.25 / 0.25						
MA	Algebra 2 A	F	0.50 / 0.00	Cred Att: 6.25	Cred Cmo: 5.75	GPA: 1.638							
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* = Modified Course			
NOTES			
GPA/Rank Summary Cumulative GPA 1.434 Credits Attempted 27.75 Earned 20.50 Class Rank 70 Based On GPA 1.412 Class Size 75 Calculated 08/11/2015 Completed Semesters 0			

Signature _____

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Mailing Address 75788 Price Rd Rainier, OR 97048				Graduation Date		School Address 28170 Old Rainier Rd Rainier, OR 97048	

Graduation Requirements - Credit Summary			
Subject Area	Req'd	Comp'd	Needed
Applied/Fine Arts	3.00	2.60	0.50
Electives	6.00	6.00	
English	4.00	2.00	2.00
Health	1.00	1.00	
Math	3.00	3.00	
Physical Education	1.00	1.00	
Science	3.00	3.00	
Senior Project	1.00	0.00	1.00
Social Studies	3.00	2.00	1.00
TOTALS	25.00	20.50	4.50

Graduation Requirements - Test History			
Test Name	Admin D	Result	Score
Essential Skills Reading		Not Passed	
Essential Skills Writing	06/10/2015	Passed	
Essential Skills Math	06/10/2015	Passed	

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Rainier Jr./Sr. High School Period Student Attendance Profile

Year: 2014-2015
Report: ATP201

Burns, Steven R.

Student Information

Student Name Burns, Steven R.	Student ID 196682	Gender M	Grade 11	Home Address	
Last Name Goes By Burns		First Name Goes By Steven		Birth Date 10/12/1997	
Phone		Home Language English		Resolved White	Enter Date 09/02/2014
				Leave Date	

Custodial Information

Mother Crawford, Lawanda	Phone Type Home	Phone 503-410-8340	Extension
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contact Allowed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Has Custody <input type="checkbox"/> Lives With <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed. Rights <input type="checkbox"/> Mailings Allowed			

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Rainier Jr./Sr. High School

Period Student Attendance Profile

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05/26/2015		N/S	N/S	N/S		AU	AU
05/27/2015 ()	SF	N/S	N/S	N/S		-	
05/28/2015	SF	N/S	N/S	N/S		-	
05/29/2015	SF	N/S	N/S	N/S		-	
06/04/2015		N/S	N/S	N/S		-	AU
06/05/2015	IO	N/S	N/S	N/S		-	
06/08/2015	SF	N/S	N/S	N/S		-	
06/09/2015	SF	N/S	N/S	N/S	AU	-	AU
Total	12	34	36	28	26	18	26

Period Reason Code Type Totals

TAR = 41 UNE = 98 EXC = 38 ACT = 36

Period Reason Code Totals

AE = 31	AU = 98	Doc = 0	Flc = 10	Spo = 0	EX = 0
GR = 0	IO = 2	ISS = 0	Nur = 0	OSS = 7	Pre = 0
SF = 24	T = 41				

Reason Code Legend

AE = Absent - excuse	AU = Absent - unexcus	Doc = Excused/Dr. Not	Flc = Excused/Field Tr	Spo = Excused/Sports	EX = Expelled
GR = Group Meeting	IO = In Office	ISS = ISS	Nur = Nurse	OSS = Out of School Suspend	Pre = Pre-Arranged
SF = School Function	T = Tardy	N/S = Not Scheduled			

Jarman, Gordon

From: Graden Blue <graden_blue@rsd.k12.or.us>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 1:14 PM
To: Jarman, Gordon
Subject: Steven
Attachments: 201508171321.pdf

August 17, 2015

To Whom it May Concern:

This is to confirm that I am aware that Seven Burns is in a homeless situation. He had some difficulties at home, he left there and has been living at the Ware home for an extended period of time. He applied for an intent to transfer in June indicating that he would be moving to the Vernonia area with the Ware family. He has not participated in any athletic programs over the summer with Rainier.

Attached is his most recent transcript and attendance.

Graden Blue
Principal, Athletic Director
Rainier JrSr High School
503-556-4215 ex. 206
"GO COLUMBIANS"

August 13, 2015

My name is Steven Burns. I have been living with the Ware's since January of 2015 when they moved back from Wyoming. Prior to that, I was living at the Larson's in their motorhome. I moved out/kicked out of my house because we moved into a smaller house in Rainier and there wasn't another room for me so my parents asked me to live in the basement if they made a room in it. I agreed but after about two months no room was built and the basement had black mold, wet ground, no ceiling, frogs and insects living down there. Also my parents smoked weed all day, every day. The house would smell like weed all the time.

I also had puppy living down there with me and my parents said I could get. I kept it with me in the bad living conditions. I asked them to build the room and they kept putting it off so one day they flipped out on me and texted me while I was at school and said they had packed my stuff and to come get it. I came to get my stuff and it was a little box of stuff mostly school papers. I asked about my clothes and other things, my step dad said I had to pay them to get it back and put a padlock to keep me out of the basement. That's when my friend Josh Larson and I had talked to his parents and they let me live there for a while. Then Blade Ware moved back to Rainier with his parents. Blade said they have a bigger house than the motorhome I was in and they let me move in with them. Ever since then I have been getting better grades and caught up on my credits, Thor and Daryn Ware have helped me a lot and have acted like great parents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven Burns".

Steven Burns



Student Intent to Transfer Certificate

NOTE: This form, or its substantial equivalent, must be completed and a copy maintained at the receiving school for inspection at the request of the OSAA prior to the student's affiliation with the school to which the student is transferring. See Rule 8.6.5, "Transfers to a school with affiliation" outlined on the back of this document.

Name of Student Steven Burns Birth Date 10 / 12 / 97
Month / Day / Year
Name of Parents and Address of Joint Residence Thao & Dargyn Ware
75788 Price Rd
Rainier OR 97048
School Currently Attending Rainier Jr/Sr HS City Rainier, OR
School to Which Transferring Vernonia HS City Vernonia, OR
Intended Transfer Date 6/10/15

CERTIFICATION BY PARENT AND STUDENT

Under penalty of perjury, I affirm that no coach, parent, administrator, teacher or other representative of the current school initiated contact or offered any inducements for the purpose of having the student attend the current school for athletic participation. I also affirm that there has been no prior affiliation with the school to which the said student is transferring.

Parent Signature [Signature] Date 5/26/15
Student Signature Steven Burns Date 5/26/15

CERTIFICATION BY ADMINISTRATOR OF SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING

I affirm that I am aware of the above student's intent to transfer and the specifics of that transfer stated above.

Signature [Signature] Date 6/2/15
Administrator

CERTIFICATION BY ADMINISTRATOR OF SCHOOL TO WHICH TRANSFERRING

I affirm that I am aware of the above student's intent to transfer and the specifics of that transfer stated above. I also affirm that there has been no affiliation, as stated in OSAA Rule 8.6.5, prior to the signing of this certificate by all parties above.

Signature [Signature] Date 6-10-15
Administrator

Tom Welter

From: Jarman, Gordon <gjarman@vernonia.k12.or.us>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 9:40 AM
To: Tom Welter
Subject: FW: denied hardship request
Attachments: Student Eligibility Request Form - Steven Burns.pdf

Tom I am appealing this decision. This is clearly a hardship on Steven If you read his letter you will understand what I mean.

From: Turner, Greg [mailto:Greg.Turner@faithkids.org]
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 8:35 AM
To: Jarman, Gordon
Cc: Bryan Lewellen (blewellen@citychristianschools.com); Brandon Lidgard (brandonl@delphian.org)
Subject: RE: denied hardship request

Gordon,

This is to inform you that the Hardship Committee has denied the eligibility request of Steven Burns. If you have any questions regarding this issue please feel free to contact either Bryan Lewellen, Brandon Lidgard, or myself.

Thank you,

Greg Turner
Athletic Director
Faith Bible Christian School
(503)681-8254

From: Jarman, Gordon [mailto:gjarman@vernonia.k12.or.us]
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 3:59 PM
To: Turner, Greg
Subject: denied hardship request

Hi Greg I was informed today the hardship committee denies Steven Burns hardship request. This was done by text but in order for me to appeal this decision to the OSAA I need to have an e-mail, Bryan is on vacation and does not have access to e-mail so he cannot e-mail would you please send me an e-mail stating that the committee denied Steven Burns Hardship request so I can get the ball rolling with the OSAA. Thanks Gordon

Tom Welter

From: Jarman, Gordon <gjarman@vernonia.k12.or.us>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 10:18 AM
To: Tom Welter
Cc: Miller, Aaron; Underwood, Nate
Subject: Intent to appeal district hardship decision

Tom Welter
OSAA

This letter is to inform you the Athletic Department of Vernonia High School intends to appeal the NWL league hardship committee's decision of denying Steven Burns eligibility.

If you read Steven's narrative regarding his living conditions and the fact his parents locking him out of his house when he turned 18 and requiring him to pay for his clothing and other items if he wanted them back, forcing Steven to live in a motor home at another students residence until the Ware's moved back to Rainier in January and his friend Blade invited him to stay with them, providing him with suitable living conditions and the fact Steven is homeless, should be enough to grant this appeal, disregarding whether Thor Ware, Blades dad, is the head football coach and teacher at Vernonia and head of the Ware household.

For the sake of Steven having stable living conditions and a suitable environment to finish his senior year I am asking you to overturn the district hardship committees decision and grant him eligibility for the football season this year.

Time is of the essence in this case as football season is well underway with first contests starting this week. I started this process on the 19th of August and communication with some AD's made it difficult for them to reach a decision until the 26th of August. Thank you for your time one other note Steven was in school in Vernonia as a second grader before moving to Rainier. Please inform me of the direction I need to go from here.

Gordon L Jarman
AD Vernonia School District.