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RE: Rafael Fernandes - Non CSIET Direct Placement Foreign Student Eligibility Appeal

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Dear Jill:

The OSAA Executive Board met Monday, September 28, 2015, via conference call to hear the appeal of OSAA Rule 8.6.3 *Non-CSIET Foreign Student* on behalf of Rafael Fernandes, a Non-CSIET Direct Placement foreign student, whose athletic eligibility had been denied by the OSAA Executive Director on August 26, 2015.

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The Executive Board reviewed all of the written information that had been submitted on Rafael's behalf. One additional letter from Rafael's brother, Vitor Fernandes, was received for the appeal. The Executive Board listened to testimony and comments from Russ Bolin, Athletic Director, Roseburg H S; Adam Blue, Boys Soccer Coach, Roseburg H S; Kelsey Wood, Rafael's Host Family; and Rafael Fernandes, the student. Following all dialogue and questions, the Executive Board convened into executive session.

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Conclusions:

The Executive Board 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." The OSAA Executive Board did not feel that there were extenuating circumstances outside of the control of the student and the student's parents that would warrant waiving OSAA regulations.

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Therefore, the OSAA Executive Board voted 6-1, to uphold the Executive Director's original denial of OSAA eligibility. Rafael Fernandes is not eligible to participate for one calendar year from the time of his transfer.

The decision by the OSAA Executive Board may be appealed to a Hearings Officer contracted by the OSAA and there is a \$250.00 non-refundable filing fee to schedule an appeal. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: Russ Bolin, Athletic Director, Roseburg HS