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To: Mr. Tom Welter, OSAA Executive Director
From: Mark Hinthorn, McMinnville High School Athletic Director
Re: Hardship Request for Odin Thorson (10th grade)

Dear Mr. Welter,

This letter is in support of Odin Thorson, who is in need of a hardship in order to participate in Fall Sports at McMinnville High School for the 2015-16 school year. Odin is an incoming sophomore whose story is a common one. His parents divorced a few years ago and his dad moved to Sisters, Oregon while his mother stayed in McMinnville. Odin attended the first half of 2014-15 at our school and played football for us. Upon completion of the first semester, Odin moved to Sisters to live with his dad because he really missed him. He played baseball last spring, did a few summer workouts with the football team, and attended the summer Linfield FB camp as he anticipated staying in Sisters this entire school year.

However, on the inside, Odin was struggling. The truth was, he never felt that he fit in there at Sisters High School and felt like an outsider with his classmates and teammates. But, Odin liked living with his father and seeing him on a daily basis. After staying with his mom for a few weeks after the FB camp, Odin realized just how much he disliked feeling like an outsider and expressed his desire to stay in McMinnville to his mother. Odin's mother and father talked and were in agreement that Odin should remain in McMinnville.

Rest assured, Odin not once was contacted by any of our coaches this summer, until he showed up for our team camp and people at the registration table notified our coaching staff. It was a shock to them that Odin was here as they thought he was in Sisters readying for the coming season.

For the aforementioned reasons, I humbly submit this hardship request to you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Mark Hinthorn
MHS Ass't Principal / Athletic Director