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Requesting waiver of Grade Deficiency and Satisfactory Progress toward graduation for:
Andrew Harwood, a senior at Beaverton High School.

Dear Mr. Welter,

I am requesting a grade deficiency and satisfactory progress toward graduation waiver for Andrew, (Andy), Harwood, so that he may participate in OSAA Activities and Athletics.

Andrew is currently classified as a Senior at Beaverton High School but is deficient in credits to be classified as such. As his transcripts show his junior year was very much a difficult time in life, presently, Andy has 14.5 credits. It should also be noted that as a freshman and sophomore he was mostly an A, B, C student. Andrew did not participate in OSAA athletics at all in his junior year. The letters of support in his file represent what this young man was dealing with throughout his junior year.

Last year, his junior year, Andrew was working on getting life back together. He received counseling, treatment and life supports that allowed him to survive a difficult time. Prior to the school year ending he made a tough decision to pursue a dual credit program that would allow him to earn a High School Diploma and stay on track to earn a college degree. Andy has supports and an academic program in place to help him reach his goals and it is with strong feelings that the support group around him suggest that participating in OSAA sports with his peers would help him stay focused on academics, community, family, team and further life development skills. Because the dual credit program does not start until later in September, we felt we should submit this request now with recognition of an academic monitoring system in place from day one.

His coaches, counselors, teachers, family and team are in place to support Andrew Harwood. I believe it would be in the student's best interest to allow his participation in OSAA sports and activities in order to gain support and be involved in our community. I am hopeful this information presented may give Andy a chance to participate and keep him on track for graduation.

If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration. I have discussed this case with Beaverton High School Principal, Anne Erwin. She also supports this waiver request. (Initials ME)

Sincerely,

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