

To whom it may concern:

My name is Vince Swagerty and I am the new principal at Reedsport Community Charter School. I am writing to recommend that you grant a hardship request for Selena Contreras so she may participate in athletics here at RCCS in the upcoming school year.

I would typically not ask for a waiver because Selena did not earn enough credits to be considered on track to graduate, nor did she pass enough classes in the second semester to qualify her to participate this season. However, after reviewing her story and verifying her story with school personnel familiar with her story, I am recommending granting of the hardship request for the following reasons:

1. The student has battled and continues to battle depression,
2. The student attempted to take her own life on two occasions during the 2014-2015 school year,
3. The last attempt resulted in a significant hospital stay that occurred in the middle of the fourth quarter of the school year.
4. The family and school personnel knowledgeable about her circumstances believe that participation in sports will have a positive effect on her recovery.

In counseling with Selena and her mother, she fully understands that if she fails to follow through with her credit recovery plan, her hardship waiver will immediately be revoked and she will not be eligible to participate in any sports during the 2015-2016 school year.

Thank you very much for consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Vincent R. Swagerty
Principal, Reedsport Community Charter School