

August 21, 2015

This is in regards to my sons Blade Ware and Steele Ware. We moved back to our home in Rainier in January of 2015 from Worland, Wyoming. My sons only attended Rainier high school from January 2015 to June 2015 and never participated in athletics. In May-June, I accepted the position as mathematics teacher and head football coach at Vernonia. I was under the impression by reading on the OSA website that my sons would be eligible to participate in academics and athletics because of my affiliation with the school district as a teacher and coach, but was informed on August 19th that they were ineligible because we had not moved in the Vernonia District.

We (my wife and I) are a single income family with five kids and it has been difficult to find a home that can fit us, that is in our price range. We are now diligently searching for a rental in Vernonia to move us closer to the school and eliminate this eligibility issue. Moving to Vernonia would help eliminate the cost of gasoline driving there and back, because that gas bill eats into our grocery bills.

This is my son Blade's senior year and I feel guilty looking at the possibility of both of them not being able to participate in athletics. I have put them through a lot of stress with all the moves, Idaho, then Wyoming, and now Oregon over the last three years. I hope that we will find a home there ASAP, but if we cannot I am begging that the league please give my sons the opportunity to play.

Sincerely,



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