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To Whom It May Concern:

Ryker transferred from Vale High School on February 23, 2015. He was not having a great deal of academic success at that time and had been involved in an incident which required disciplinary action. Ryker's parents felt that he needed a new environment and new peer influences in his life and they chose to transfer him to Adrian High School.

Academically speaking, Ryker's freshman year was dismal. He earned 2 credits and failed a total of 10 classes in 2 semesters. The first semester of his sophomore year at Vale HS, Ryker passed 4 of his 7 classes. It was in February of 2015 that the incident occurred and Ryker was suspended from Vale High School for 6 days. It was at this time that he transferred to Adrian HS.

We were four weeks into the current semester when Ryker arrived, transferring in low scores in most classes. In 97 days at Vale High School, Ryker was present 78 and absent 19 (5 unexcused, 8 excused, 6 suspended) and had accumulated 38 unexcused tardies. After arriving in Adrian (a 26 mile drive for him or his parents), Ryker was present 50 of the 53 days with no tardies. He had made a commitment to turn things around.

During second semester, Ryker passed six classes in the traditional classroom setting, as well as, an online World Studies course, earning 3.5 credits. Ryker then attended our summer school session and earned $\frac{1}{2}$ credit in World Studies and $\frac{1}{2}$ credit in Physical Science. He was able to complete half of the lessons for the second semester of Physical Science which we expect him to complete by the end of September.

During the entire second semester last year, I did not receive one complaint or concern regarding Ryker's academic performance, effort, behavior or attitude. In fact, the staff was very pleased with his presence at our school. It has been a pleasure to have him as part of our student body.

From the beginning Ryker had an interest in being a part of Adrian High School as a student athlete. He had not participated at Vale High School and knew that he would have to work extremely hard to have a chance to participate in athletics at Adrian. We believe that he has done so, and we believe that he deserves that opportunity to participate in athletics at AHS. We are committed to helping him reach his goal of graduating on time and will hold him to a higher standard as part of our weekly grade checks. At Adrian, students must be making satisfactory progress in 6 classes in order to participate in athletics each week. Ryker will be required to make satisfactory progress in all 7 classes each week in order to participate in any athletic contests.

We hope that you will seriously consider our request for Ryker Murrey's waiver.

Sincerely,

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