

I write this letter on behalf of Maleah Maier. Maleah is a great kid who suffers from major depression. She receives professional help and has a strong support system in place. However, she still struggles day to day and ultimately tried to commit suicide after soccer season last fall.

Maleah was enrolled at Putnam last fall and has competed in soccer for us the last two seasons. After her attempt at suicide last fall she attended the Perry Center then Clackamas Web Academy so she could be monitored. She does not live in our area but is enrolled back here through open enrollment therefore she is considered an illegal transfer even though she's competed for us the past two seasons.

Due to being hospitalized several times and bouncing from program to program Meleah is also lacking credits resulting in her not passing 5 classes last semester and she does not meet the criteria for satisfactory progress towards graduation.

Although Maleah is ineligible on several levels she comes to mind as the poster child for why we have the appeal process. She struggles with major depression and soccer is an outlet and source of happiness for her. It gives her something to look forward to, a time to interact with other positive kids, so I hope that this appeal is granted for her physical and mental health.

Thank you for considering this request.

Jesse Eveland
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1 message

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Sun, Aug 23, 2015 at 7:12 PM

Hello Jesse, let us know if this acceptable. Maleah's portion is at the bottom.

Thank you!

April Maier

Our daughter, Maleah, has been battling depression for the last couple years. It culminated in her trying to end her life in November, 2014. She was then hospitalized for a while and most recently has been rejoining her activities. She left Putnam last school year for Web-based schooling, but is now eager to get back to Putnam with her peers, play soccer and move forward.

We are asking that you please consider allowing her to play soccer this year in order to keep her on a positive momentum mentally and physically?

Thank you very much!

Josh and April Maier

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

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From: Maleah Maier <maleahmaier@gmail.com>
Date: 08/23/2015 4:10 PM (GMT-08:00)
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Subject: Soccer

Soccer now means a lot more to me than it ever did before. As a kid, I loved soccer and spent my time admiring and excelling at it. I didn't play it because I had to, I played it because I could. This has changed from wanting to play it, to needing to play it. Right now I'm viewing life as a staircase: I've fallen down many times and it's hurt, but I've learned from it as well. As much as I wanted to give up, my friends and family helped me back up those steps. Right now, I'm able to walk up the staircase with my own self-motivation, but I need soccer in my life to continue feeding that motivation. Soccer makes me so happy, and it really makes me want to pick up my life, and hold myself together. I know I said a lot of things concerning my life long-term, but right now I'm thinking of the short-term and getting through school. Soccer would really help me recover and get back into schooling this year!

Thank you!

-Maleah Maier

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