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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in regards to Nolan Hansen and his athletic eligibility under OSAA academic requirements. Nolan is currently enrolled here at Monroe High School as a junior. Nolan attended Green Valley High School in Las Vegas, Nevada during his first two years of high school. Nolan moved to Monroe this past summer with his father, Michael.

During his first two years in high school Nolan attended a very large high school (enrollment nearly 3,000 students). In talking with Nolan this definitely had an impact on his success in school and limited his opportunities to be involved in extra-curricular activities. At the same time, he experienced a severe family disruption as his mom and dad divorced. The impact of his family transformation is readily apparent in his high school transcript which indicates a steady decline in his academic success since his freshman year. As a result, Nolan is not currently eligible under both OSAA grade mandates. He did not successfully pass five classes during his last semester at Green Valley HS and he is not currently "on track" to graduate.

I believe strongly that Nolan is an excellent candidate to be given an academic hardship this fall. He is very interested in participating in football (something that he has never done) and is genuinely motivated to get his life back on track. His father graduated from Monroe High School and brought his son back to the area because of his belief in the small school setting and the desire to get Nolan back into a positive peer group. Football at MHS will be a great vehicle for Nolan as he works to go in the right direction. While aware that he is not currently eligible, Nolan has attended all practices and team functions up to this point and has already developed positive friendships amongst his teammates. While our academic eligibility system is stringent, I am confident that Nolan will continue to grow and improve as a student. We have enrolled him in our credit recovery program and are confident he will be able to graduate on time in 2017. Nolan's grades will be monitored weekly and support systems are in place to make sure that he develops the skill set needed to be academically successful. I believe that extra-curricular activities will serve as a strong motivator for Nolan as he works down this path towards successfully completing high school.

In the two weeks that I have spent with Nolan I have found him to be a responsible and respectful young man. I do not think that his academic performance, particularly last year, is an accurate reflection of who he is or what he is capable of doing. I think Nolan will do well in our small setting and the opportunity to play a sport would be a great start. Thank you for your consideration and please contact me at the high school office should there be any questions or concerns regarding this situation.

Sincerely,



Bill Crowson
Principal/Athletic Director
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