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ATTN: OSAA Hardship Committee

RE: Dennis Lehninger

In the packet, you will find letters on behalf of Dennis Lehninger describing the circumstances that have impacted his overall status as a student. As you review the information, I hope you will agree as to why I support the request for eligibility.

Dennis, a sophomore, is substantially behind on credits. Due to assorted issues and events personally affecting him, including being kicked out of his home, Dennis did not finish the school year last spring, and yet did achieve a few credits. The family experienced an ugly divorce, with mom moving to Vancouver. Dennis and his brother stayed with the dad here in Wilsonville. The falling out between Dennis and his dad took place last May.

During the summer, mom has lost her job, and is on the verge of being evicted based on rental payments. They want Dennis to land on his feet and get back to attending school. He is not living with dad, and is living with a family friend as mom finds a place in Wilsonville. Dennis did not enroll in a school in Vancouver. We are concerned about Kenyon and have been working to get him back to school. It will take time and work, and at this time, it is a positive step. Our goal is to allow him to play JV football and hope it leads to daily success.

Dennis understands this request is not about playing football, but about learning to control what he can control, and take ownership of his grades and attendance. He has little to no support from his parents at this point, and we want to work closely with him. It's been a tough situation for all, including his brother.

I am requesting that the OSAA Hardship Committee grant eligibility for Dennis. We have provided a support system on his behalf, and will initiate a credit recovery plan between now and August 15, 2016. Our goal is to have Dennis in good standing and on track to graduate as he enters his Junior year. That goal begins now.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Dennis Burke
Assistant Principal/Athletic & Activities Director
Wilsonville High School