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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in reference to Tate Barrow. Tate is a senior and currently enrolled in Mt. Hood Middle College. He was previously enrolled at Reynolds High School for his freshman year and Reynolds Learning Academy for his Sophomore and Junior years. Tate is currently academically ineligible as stated by **Rule 8.1.2, Satisfactory Progress Toward Graduation** in the OSAA Handbook and this letter is a request for him to be granted eligibility so that he can participate in soccer at Reynolds High School.

In the last two years Tate has learned a lot about himself and discovered the importance of education. As can be seen from Tate's transcript and letter, academics was not a priority for him at the start of his high school career. He struggled going to class and keeping up with his coursework. He also struggled in the extremely large environment that Reynolds High School has with 2,900 students.

After Tate's freshman year at RHS his family made the decision to place him at Reynolds Learning Academy in hopes to get him on track academically and provide him with a more intimate learning environment. The transition was a bit of a struggle for Tate but after his first term at RLA he realized the importance of his education and began to succeed and flourish in each of his classes. Ever since making this turn, Tate has passed every single class in his last five quarters. Tate is a perfect 39 for 39 in his last five quarters.

Unfortunately, even with the success in the classroom that Tate has experienced in the last two years, he is .75 credits short of being on track to graduate, making him ineligible to compete in soccer for Reynolds this fall. However, Tate already has a plan to get back on track to graduate and is currently enrolled in Mt. Hood Middle College to not only complete his credits needed to graduate, but to also earn college credit to set himself up for the future.

Tate has worked very hard these last couple of years to make up for his mistakes. He has not made excuses or shied away from anything. He has taken full responsibility and has a plan to be successful in the classroom and in life. Being granted eligibility for soccer will help Tate continue his transition and teach him life-long lessons along the way that can't necessarily be taught in the classroom.

If Tate were to be granted eligibility to play soccer, his academic progress would be closely monitored. If at any point his grades were to be substandard, he would lose his soccer eligibility. If you have any questions or need some more information about Tate please contact me as soon as possible. Thanks for your time and consideration

Sincerely,

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