

September 1st, 2015

Re: Foreign Exchange Student, Filip Synek

To Whom it May Concern at OSAA,

My name is Alea Bruender. My family is hosting foreign exchange student, Filip Synek, through the CCI Greenheart program for the 2015-16 school year. Filip arrived to our home on August 26th. Our family is heavily involved in athletics and when we agreed to host a student for the school year we asked to be matched with a student with interest in participating on sports teams.

Currently, we live in the North Clackamas School District, in the Rex Putnam High School attendance area. Our daughter attends Milwaukie High School via an approved in-district transfer. She will be a Junior this school year. When we signed on to be a host family, we did not realize that it would be a challenge for our student to also attend Milwaukie High School. We certainly never envisioned that his ability to participate in the school Athletics program would be impacted. We have since received approval from the N. Clackamas School District for Filip to attend Milwaukie High School. Now, we are seeking approval for Filip to be eligible to participate in athletics at Milwaukie High School; specifically for the fall he would like to play soccer. It would create significant hardship if Filip were made to attend Rex Putnam High School. We are two working parents who rely on grandparents to assist with transportation to and from school and extracurricular activities. It is also important to Filip that he attend the same school as our daughter. As you can imagine, Filip is experiencing vast changes as he adapts to American culture. It would be emotionally devastating if he were made to attend a school different from our own children and social community. Our family goal is to provide Filip with a great experience during his year in the United States. His ability to participate in sports and develop a positive peer group will be instrumental to this experience.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. We hope that Filip can begin to participate on a team as soon as possible. Please feel free to contact us for any questions.

Sincerely,



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