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To whom it may concern:

We are writing this letter in hopes that you will see fit to allow our son to continue to be part of something he loves. He has been playing this sport with the most of the same kids for the last seven years of his life. We have watched some get lost along the way; we don't want to see that happen to him.

About a year and half ago I suffered a serious health crisis which caused me to spend 37 days in the hospital and one year recovering. I went through 5 surgeries in that 37 day fighting for my life during that time my husband was responsible to be the sole provider and caretaker of myself and our children.

At this time it's important to say we were not present in our children's education we just went through the day to day motions of living, as a result Matt's academics suffered. Shortly after that we lost Todd's grandmother to Cancer and shortly after that we lost his aunt and his grandfather on his mother's side of the family. Then in September we lost Jaida, as well as my uncle as a result my aunt had a heart attack. I went back to work as we desperately needed the second income, only to have my first acute panic and anxiety attack which required hospitalization. After recovering from that, we decided in needed to seek counseling because the huge amounts of medication to keep the anxiety and acute panic attacks at bay. The medication made me absent from mine and my families lives.

This is not an excuse and nor do we enjoy having to tell people about our trials. Matt has profoundly suffered as he was the oldest boy at home to keep things together.

With this sport there are a lot of life changing positive qualities that he can benefit from, as you well know; accountability, responsibility, dependability being part of something that can change his life forever in a positive way. We feel that without this sport and being part of something, belonging. We stand the risk of losing Matt.

Please, help us with this.

Matt has taken it upon his self to meet with Dr. Dan @ Douglas High School to get his grades back on track to graduate as projected by changing some of his classes around and committing to hard work.

Sincerely,

Susan & Todd Dawson

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I went through a death that was really hard the whole town talked about it all the time I couldn't get away from it.

I watched the people I love suffer; I just can't understand why this had to happen. We were all so sad.

When we buried her we all shoveled we would not let the backhoe do it. It was real hot and we were all crying it was awful. I will never forget it. I will miss her forever.

My aunt started drinking more than she did before and was always asking my mom for help she was already crazy with panic attacks and taking tons of medication.

This is a hard life

I am ready to work hard and get my diploma. I really want to play football I love this sport

My mom was very sick right before all of that and she spent a lot of time in the hospital she almost died too. When she came home she could not even get out of bed then she was in a wheel chair. She is better now.

My dad was always sad it was hard to concentrate on what I was supposed to be doing, so I didn't. I let my family down. I am ready for a change. I hope you will help me if you can.

Thanks for your time.

Matt Dawson