



GRANT FOOTBALL

Members of the Eligibility committee,

My name is Randy Heath and I am the Head Football Coach at Grant High School. I am writing this letter on behalf of Arthur Bernestine. I am requesting that Arthur be considered for a hardship status for the Fall 2015 athletic season.

During my first year at Grant I didn't know Arthur very well. He was a member of our JV team and I didn't have him in class. I had heard some things but not enough to form an accurate opinion of him. The few things I did know were varied. What I have since learned is that Arthur has several challenges in his life. The health of his mother, no consistent male support, and a need to mature were a few of them. As a result, success in the classroom has been marginal at best.

As I stepped into a different role at Grant I have had the opportunity to get to know Arthur more personally. What I have seen over the past three months leads me to believe that Arthur can be successful. To my knowledge he successfully completed the course work he needed to over the summer. He has been a consistent participant in our summer workouts and a positive leader on our team. I believe that with the right support and structure Arthur will be accountable and begin to succeed at Grant.

In order to support Arthur we have put a number of processes in place. First, Arthur is in my Strength and conditioning class. Having him on my roster allows me daily access and check in during the course of the school day. Second, we are requiring that Arthur attend three hours of extra tutorial work each week prior to being able to practice. Third, by keeping him on the roster we are providing both positive male figures and structure to Arthur's day that he desperately needs. It is my feeling that with the steps being taken Arthur will begin to gain confidence in himself and understand that he can be successful, but he is accountable for his actions and the follow through completely.

I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Randy Heath

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