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OSAA Hardship Committee

I am writing this letter on behalf of Arthur Bernstein a junior here at Grant. I have spoken with his counselor, his coach, his mother and of course, Arthur. One thing I learned in the process is that Arthur really should be on an IEP but his mother declined at a critical juncture a few years ago base on a fear that her son would be perceived as an African American student who was Special Ed—something she strongly wanted to avoid. As a result, his education and our ability to serve him properly was compromised. His academic performance, in part, reflects this.

Given this information and the conversations with the aforementioned people, I believe Arthur is a genuinely worthy candidate for a hardship. I will be vigilant in supporting Arthur and keeping him accountable regardless of your ruling

Thanks you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Brian Samore Athletic Director Grant High School