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Christy Perry, Superintendent

Date: 9/3/2015

To: Tom Welter, Executive Director

From: Brian Armstrong, Athletic Director-South Salem High School

Re: eligibility request

I am writing this letter in support of the attached Eligibility Request Form for Andres Nunez.

Andres is currently a senior at South Salem High School. Like most seniors, Andres is excited to embark on the final chapter of his high school journey. With graduation in his sights, he is ready to seize each and every opportunity that being a student of South Salem High School has to offer. Andres is especially excited about being a member of our football program. However, during Andres' journey towards this moment, he experienced significant setbacks within his family as his parents divorced. These setbacks changed his life significantly and impacted his performance in the classroom. As a result, he is ineligible to participate in football this year because he is not making satisfactory progress towards graduation because he has only 16.5 credits.

As his parents were going through the divorce process, Andres' living situation became very unstable as he bounced back and forth living with each parent. This instability created a tremendous amount of stress in his life, and ultimately, Andres dealt with the stress the wrong way. He started skipping school and hanging around the wrong kids. Andres will be the first one to admit that he made a mistake and handled this family situation the wrong way.

Realizing that he was on the wrong path and sincerely wanting to change the trajectory of his life, Andres voluntarily enrolled in the Oregon Youth Challenge Program. This program changed his life not only as a person, but brought his family closer together. Andres went from a kid with straight Fs on his report card to a student who achieved a 3.4 GPA during his time at OYCP. Andres Nunez is a changed kid who has overcome a lot of adversity in his life and has put himself in a situation where he can graduate on time with his peers.

Andres wants a second chance. He has done everything in his power to rectify his mistakes. However, despite all that he has done, he is just shy of reaching his goal of being a part of the football program at South. Andres realizes that this request may not be granted, but if there is a kid who truly deserves a second chance, it is Andres Nunez.

South Salem High School will monitor Andres' performance throughout the school year and feel that his participation in extracurricular activities will help him to stay on the path he is currently on.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Brian Armstrong  
Athletic Director  
South Salem High School