



Albany Options School

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TO: OSAA Hardship Committee

FROM: John Hunter, Principal, Albany Options School

RE: Student Gustavo Salas

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Gustavo Salas came to our alternative school, Albany Options School, in the fall of 2014. He was sent to AOS due to disciplinary reasons and entered our credit recovery evening program. This is protocol for starting at AOS due to expulsion at a student's home school; South Albany High School in this case. At the start of his AOS tenure Gustavo was not doing a great job, but as we had more time with him he began to understand the importance of school and became passionate about playing soccer again.

In saying all this it must be noted that Gustavo had a brother at AOS and his struggles at times impacted Gustavo to be successful and attend school. Upon his brother leaving and Gustavo beginning to become invested in himself he had a very good last 12-weeks. He passed 9 out of 10 classes and his attendance was much improved. Gustavo earned 2.75 credits his last 12-weeks at AOS.

I understand Gustavo is eligible to participate, except for the fact he does not meet the "graduation track" criteria. Gustavo this first 12-week at AOS is enrolled in 6 classes (one more class than last year) and has the potential to earn 3 credits.

Gustavo has a long road ahead of him to become back on track to graduate in his 4-year cohort, but this journey is much more possible with soccer in his life.

Sincerely,



John Hunter

Principal, Albany Options School