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To: OSAA Eligibility

From: Brandon Fricke, North Marion High School Athletic Director  
DeAnn Jenness, North Marion High School Principal

RE: Branden Bennett

Please see attached eligibility request form involving Branden Bennett, current North Marion High School student. We are filing this eligibility request based on Branden's lack of credits prior to the start of his junior year (9.99 earned, needs 10.5).

**Rule 8.1.2 – Satisfactory Progress Toward Graduation**

Branden's is currently in the position of not having adequate amount of credits due to some family struggles that took place during his first two years while attending North Marion. He lost his direction and focus as he and his family were sorting through their family issues. Once the family struggles were figured out, Branden started to regain his focus with his academics, as seen starting in his 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester of his sophomore year and continued through 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester.

Prior to us completing the proper paper work for this appeal, Branden showed his coaches, parents and administrators his dedication to his potential teammates as he attended meetings and practices since the start of the season with the understanding that OSAA/North Marion may not grant him the ability to dress down or even play a football game.

The support staff here at North Marion has developed a credit recovery plan for Branden, in which he will be following to recovery the missing credit(s) as well as making up the failing classes from his early times here at North Marion.

We feel strongly that Branden has realized and learned how decisions in the past can influence future opportunities in life and ask to approve this eligibility for the 2015-2016 year. If you have any questions regarding this situation, please feel free to contact me.

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