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Mt. Hood Conference District Committee:

This letter is in reference to Devin Carpenter. Devin will be a senior this upcoming school year at Reynolds High School. He was previously enrolled at Sam Barlow High School. In October of 2014, Devin transferred to Reynolds but he did not participate in athletics. Devin is currently hoping to participate for the Reynolds Soccer team but is currently ineligible under **OSAA Rule 8.6 (Transfer without change of Joint Residence)**.

Devin grew up in the Gresham-Barlow School District and attended Sam Barlow High School for his freshman and sophomore years. Devin started his junior year at Sam Barlow as well, participating on the boys soccer team. However, during that time his parents went through a difficult divorce, which put Devin and his dad in a difficult financial situation. As a result, they were unable to afford the home they were living in and they ended up squatting in the home for the period of about three months. Fortunately, Devin and his dad were able to find a stable living situation in the Reynolds School District and he then transferred to Reynolds High School.

Devin is ineligible through no fault of his own. If he and his father were financially able to move at the time of their divorce proceedings, he would have remained eligible under rule 8.6.3. However, because they had to wait three months to move, he does not qualify for this exception. Devin's transfer is not athletically motivated. He is hoping to make the best out of a bad situation and participating in soccer will help him do that. As an educator whose main job is trying to do what's best for kids, Devin's athletic eligibility is what's best for him and he has my full support.

It is because of the reasons listed above that I ask the District Committee to please consider and approve Devin's eligibility for participating in soccer at Reynolds. If you have any questions or need more information regarding Devin, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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