

To: MWL Hardship Committee

North Eugene, Eagle Point, Ashland

Student: Davonte Ellis, Senior

Mothers Name: Jackie Western (Cookeville, Tennessee)

Fathers Name: Joshua Thornton (Cookeville, Tennessee)

Re: Transfer without change of joint residence.

Last year, Davonte and his Mother Jackie moved to Eugene, Oregon and attended Churchill High School for a trimester and half.

Davonte did well academically and participated in football for the duration of the season. At Winter Break, Jackie decided to move back to Cookeville with Davonte. Davonte was very upset to leave Churchill, he had made some good connection and his grades improved from his academic career at Cookeville. It was also the first time he participated in a sport in High School.

After Christmas break, Jackie decided to send Davonte to his Uncle, Michael Ellis in Holland, Michigan to attend school at West Ottawa.

Davonte did not participate in sports at West Ottawa High School.

Over the summer, Jackie decided to send Davonte back to Eugene. His grandmother lives in Eugene and he was going to be in the care of his grandmother. Davonte's grandmother is not capable of caring for a teenage boy and very shortly after his arrival, Davonte has been on his own to figure out his living arrangements without help from his mother or father in Cookeville, Tennessee.

Currently, Davonte has qualified for McKinney-Vento status since he does not have legal guardianship in Oregon and he is a minor in our school system.

Davonte is a polite young man that is attending Churchill High School with his goal of earning a diploma at Churchill. He is currently couch

surfing in our area and seeking consistent lodging, like many homeless people in our area. He does have a grandmother that helps him out on occasion, but is very limited to what she can provide because of her age and health conditions.

Churchill High School supports this hardship request for a student that does not have any parental support and has attended three High Schools in three different States in less than a year.

He is currently on his own because his mother has continued to ship him off to other relatives and/or areas to survive.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to call me directly at 541-350-6467.

Sincerely,

Kelly Bokn

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P.S. We do not have any support statement from his last school since he did not participate in athletics.