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Mr. Tom Welter
Executive Director
Oregon School Activities Association
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Dear Tom:

This letter is written on behalf of my son, Alexander Jayson Calhoun ("Alex"). It is in support of his application to the Executive Director of the Oregon School Activities Association ("OSAA") for an academic hardship waiver to allow Alex to participate in OSAA sanctioned events during the 2015-2016 academic year.

Alex is a sophomore at Clackamas High School. He desires to participate on the junior varsity football team at Clackamas High School during the Fall Sports Season this year. Alex's mother and stepfather (with whom he resides) moved to the Clackamas High School District on August 1, 2014. Alex attended Clackamas High School last academic year and played on the freshman football team.

Approximately August 24, 2015, Alex's mother, Dennette, was informed by Clackamas High School that Alex was short one half credit from having made sufficient academic progress to be eligible under OSAA rules for participation in fall sports. Neither Dennette nor I were aware of the deficiency until she was notified by the school. If we had known of the problem, Alex would have enrolled in Summer School and made up sufficient credit to be eligible.

Dennette contacted the academic counselors at Clackamas High School and, with their guidance, registered Alex in an online course through Brigham Young University to make up the deficiency. Alex diligently worked to complete the required course of study. He successfully completed the course on September 5, 2015. The course required that a final exam be sent to Clackamas High School and taken by Alex in the presence of a Clackamas High School proctor. Because of the Labor Day holiday, the final exam did not arrive at Clackamas High School in time for the final exam to be administered to Alex on September 8, 2015, so he took the final on September 9, 2015 (the first day of school). We anticipate that the grade will be entered by tomorrow (September 11, 2015).

Mr. Welter, Executive Director
Oregon School Activities Association
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On behalf of Alex, his mother and stepfather, I respectfully request that the OSAA look favorably upon Alex's academic hardship waiver request and grant it (subject to confirmation that he has passed the course and obtained sufficient credit to become eligible) as being in the best interest of Alex as a student athlete. I assure you that lessons have been learned by Alex and his parents (myself included, of course) as a result of this situation. Thank you for your time and effort in reviewing this hardship waiver request.

Very truly yours,

/s/Allan

