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Monday, September 14, 2015

Oregon School Activities Association
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OSAA Hardship Appeals Committee:

Silverton High School is requesting an eligibility waiver for Nathaniel Iness. Nathaniel is a junior who is currently ineligible under the "Satisfactory Progress towards Graduation" requirement. He currently has 9.50 credits entering his junior year in school and is 1.0 credit short of meeting the 10.50 credits required.

Nathaniel moved to Silverton from Copper Canyon High School in Phoenix, Arizona. During his time at Copper Canyon, Nathaniel was found eligible for a learning disability in written expression. Previous to this high school, Nathaniel was enrolled in a private school that did not offer special education services or opportunities for identification. In addition to Nathaniel's recent identification for his learning disability, he also experienced family challenges at home. During Nathaniel's first semester of his sophomore year, his father had a heart attack. It was difficult for him to focus and keep his mind on track. That semester, Nathaniel only passed four classes.

Nathaniel is currently enrolled in and passing 7 classes and is currently on track to "catch back up" with his graduation requirements at semester. He is receiving special education services based on his IEP and is meeting all of the requirements in that IEP. His previous high school administrator is supportive of this hardship request as written in his letter of support.

Based on his situation, interviews, current grades, current IEP, and credits posted to his transcript, we feel Nathaniel is deserving of an eligibility waiver to participate in fall sports.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Greg Kaatz
Athletic Director/Assistant Principal
Silverton High School

Mark Hannan
Principal
Silverton High School

To Whom It may concern

I understand that I am a credit short from being eligible to play football. I know that I could have tried harder at moments but, the game of football is something that has always pushed me to do better and on the field.

My Freshman year was tough. I was not getting the help I needed for my academic work. I could have helped myself at the time but, it's hard to admit you need help.

My Sophomore year my dad had a heart attack and I lost my grandma. I could have tried harder but with that much weight in the family it's hard to get anything done.

I have made my mistakes but every teen age does and this can mean a lot to my family but, that decision is yours

Sincerely

Nathaniel Iness

Sept 7, 2015

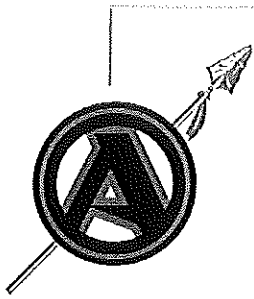
To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Glenda Iness and I am the mother of Nathaniel Iness. I am writing this letter to explain the reason that my son Nate is deficient in his credits. When Nate was in Junior High, he had an IEP to assist him with reading and writing. In Arizona, they have open enrollment for school and when it became time to enroll him into high school we were very excited to have the opportunity offered for Nate to attend a very reputable private Christian high school. He enrolled at Phoenix Christian Preparatory High School. Unfortunately, in our enthusiasm we did not take into account that the course work was more advanced than at the public school and there would not be the benefit of an IEP program at a private school. Nate struggled with the course work and fell behind. There was not the support in place to help him to be successful. We transferred to a public school in January of last year. This summer we moved to Oregon to be closer to family. Nate's grandparents are elderly and we would like to spend more time with them while we can. Nate loves to play football; it has been a big motivator in his life. I hope that you will consider allowing him to play this year.

Thank You For Your Time

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Glenda Iness', written in dark ink.

Glenda Iness



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To whom it may concern:

Nathaniel Iness came to Copper Canyon in the winter transferring from a private school. We were in the process of doing a student study to see if he qualified for an IEP or a 504 plan in order to provide him with more support after his parents had inquired about the possibilities as the private school did not provide such support.

In our district/state, academic eligibility is measured differently and he would had been academically eligible if passing all current classes.

We were also going to a hardship hearing based on the fact that there was no domicile change going from the private school to our school which was due to a financial hardship incurred when the father had a heart attack. I am confident that we would had won the hardship and Nate would be playing for us had he not moved to Oregon.

I have no concerns with Nate being involved in athletics and hope he receives the support he needs to be successful.

Sincerely,

Mike Abbas

Mike Abbas
Assistant Principal/AD