



Taft High 7-12

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Dear Mr. Welter,

Please accept this letter on behalf of Madio Mata. I have worked with Madio for two years as the Assistant Principal. Madio is a tough kid that has a great heart, but he has not always been an active participant in his own education. As a freshman, he had just moved back to our school after living with his father. He had to deal with the trauma of his mother having heart surgery and caring for her well-being. He had resources at the building to support him, but he still had not made the connection to school. He has a great relationship with our Indian Education Advocate, and she helped support him with getting resources for his home life.

During the last half of his sophomore year, Madio decided he wanted to change. He asked for help from staff and peers to help him get back on track and be successful in school. His attendance improved drastically, he was often found studying during lunch and after school. He voluntarily went to see teachers to get help. All of this so he can get his education and play football.

It is wonderful to see the improvements in Madio. His attitude and self-confidence are soaring, and I want to see him get that chance to play football because he worked so hard to turn around his habits.

If you have any questions regarding Madio Mata, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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