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To whom it may concern:

My name is Jaylon Minnieweather and I am a student at Madison High School. I would like to respectfully request an exception to the eligibility rules that would not allow me to play Football for Madison this year due to failure to meet academic requirements.

I understand that, traditionally, failing to pass 5 classes the previous semester prior to playing a sport decreases eligibility. I also understand that this is intended to move of an emphasis on the importance of academics. I would also like to note that no one is at fault, other than me, to blame for my failure to meet the requirement. But there were multiple obstacles in my path to do so which made school an uphill battle that I prepared for.

For instance, during the second semester of my Junior year at David Douglas High School, I tried to deal with the challenge of my dad not wanting to be apart of my life anymore. And with all of the questions, thoughts, and feelings to what he could not do for me. I also struggled with handling home. There was a lot going on for my family and I. From family deaths to always arguing and constant anger or frustration towards one another.

But I believe in earning everything that I get. So I do not ask of this lightly. But not only would it help me, but it will help my mom. Knowing that her son is on track to achieve his biggest dream term to graduate. And playing football for Madison High School would help me stay on track to do so.

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By playing football for Madison, I've seen a change within myself. Football right now is my motivation to be the best I can be on & off the field. It has given me a sense of belonging. It gives me the motivation I need in order to do my school work. It's made me a better person.

I ask of you to grant this, and I will continue to work hard, and be the best I can be.

Thank You for your consideration

-Jaylon Minnieweather

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