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RE: Abias Coc Cucul, 12/10/1997

Dear Gresham High School:

Abias "Isaac" Coc Cucul, DOB 12/10/1997, is a new student at Gresham High School. He is an immigrant youth who was born and raised in Guatemala.

Isaac's mother is deceased. His father abandoned him and his two younger siblings when Isaac was approximately 13 years of age. Isaac was had no access to an education during that time period. He attempted unsuccessfully to maintain the household, and fortunately received some support from his grandfather. Unfortunately his grandfather had no source of income and Isaac eventually made the journey to the United States in search of a better life. His younger siblings remained with his grandfather.

Upon arriving in the US, he was apprehended by the border patrol and taken into federal immigration custody. DHS is unable to release further information regarding this youth during his time in federal custody, other than to state that he arrived in Oregon in August of 2014.

Eventually, a petition was filed in Multnomah County requested that the youth be placed in the custody of the State of Oregon due to the lack of a parental resource. That petition was granted and in July of 2015 DHS obtained custody of the youth. He was subsequently placed in the home of Luis Velazques and Cassey Montiel-Ochoa, who reside within the boundaries of Gresham High School.

Isaac is a talented athlete, and a motivated student. He wants to learn English, and complete his high school education. He is interested in pursuing a career as a firefighter.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 971-673-6849.

Thank you,

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