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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to request a hardship waiver on behalf of Matthew Warren. Matthew was expelled from Willamette Leadership Academy (WLA), a charter school operating in the Springfield district, in June 2015. After an expulsion review hearing, he has been enrolled at North Eugene High School under a conditional expulsion.

I am requesting this hardship waiver based on two points:

1. Matthew has a 504 plan for PTSD. The accommodations are: Matthew can go to the Learning Center for additional help, Matthew can go to his teacher for extra help after class, Matthew will be tested in a separate, quiet environment. WLA did not honor the accommodations of his 504.
2. Matthew was suspended at the end of 3rd quarter, 2015. He was not allowed to make up the finals he missed while suspended. This resulted in failing grades for the quarter. He was passing four of six classes the next quarter when he was suspended pending expulsion at the end of May (we have a print out of his grades). When we received his transcript, there are no grades recorded for fourth quarter. WLA has not been responsive when asked to correct their records. The result is Matthew does not have the required credit from second semester of his freshman year.



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It is our belief that if he had been allowed to take his finals he would have earned credit and would be eligible. My understanding is that the law requires that students be allowed to make up tests or assignments that occur during a suspension. To not do so, places the student in an unfair double jeopardy. During his time at North Matthew has been fully accountable for his actions, is fully scheduled, has attended all classes, and is passing four of five. He has taken steps to improve his grade in the class he is failing. He has been diligently practicing with his team and would like to participate in a game.

Sincerely,

Scott Mayers
Assistant Principal North Eugene High School