



October 5, 2015

TRL Hardship Committee
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Dear TRL Hardship Committee,

West Linn High School is requesting an eligibility waiver for Ty Horner. Ty transferred to West Linn High School without change of joint residence (of parents). Ty, a sophomore, transferred to West Linn High School from Sisters High School in Sisters, Oregon at the start of the 2015 – 2016 school year. Originally, the parents applied and received an inter-district transfer from Sisters. However, the timing of this request did not meet the West Linn School District's deadline for inter-district transfers. Therefore, the West Linn School District did not accept the inter-district transfer request, but accepted Ty Horner as a student since he would be living with his mother in the West Linn School District.

Ty suffered a severe concussion during his 8th grade year. After the concussion, Ty was struggling with all areas of his academic work, but especially in the area of math. Ty's parents became very concerned, especially since Ty had been a TAG student in math. During his 8th grade year in the Sisters School District, Ty was placed on a 504 Accommodation plan. His plan was continued into his freshman year at Sisters High School. After his freshman year, Ty and his parents again met with the Sisters administration to discuss his 504 Plan and whether or not the accommodations were being met. Concerns from the meeting, along with the family planning to move to West Linn in June of 2016, Cort and Julianne Horner decided it would be in the best interest for Ty to get a head start academically at West Linn High School by transferring him at the start of the 2015 – 2016 school year. In doing so, Julianne Horner moved with Ty and they both currently reside with Ty's grandparents, David and Gail Horner.

To help Ty with his transition to West Linn High School, we are asking the district committee to grant a hardship to allow Ty to receive all of the benefits of a high school experience, including participation in OSAA events and activities. Ty would like to participate in basketball this winter. Allowing Ty to participate in basketball will help him gain new friends and make his transition easier. After speaking with all coaches involved in our basketball program, I am certain that no undue influence occurred to influence this move. The move is directly related to the family transitioning back to the West Linn area and concerns of Ty's academic success. We have included a letter from Sisters School District Superintendent, Curtiss Scholl, who supports the transfer to West Linn along with the hardship request. Your approval will give Ty the opportunities to participate and fit in to his new educational environment.

Thank you for your time and consideration to this hardship request.

Sincerely,

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