

October 8, 2015

ATTN: OSAA Hardship Committee

RE: Edwin Garcia

I have submitted letters from Edwin and his father, Jose, regarding Edwin's situation leading to this request for eligibility. After a solid spring, Edwin is learning to apply himself and work toward a high school diploma. English is the second language for Edwin and his family. His father has become more connected with how Edwin is doing. This has helped improve Edwin's attendance and effort, with the goal for Edwin to finish school.

In the past, Edwin, who is a senior, has not been involved at the school. We now see him engaged with what is happening here and engaged in his own learning. During his sophomore year, and early junior year, we did not apply for a hardship. He is taking the initiative in becoming a successful student. He passed all of his classes in the 2015 Spring Semester, and is following up with solid grades at the Fall Mid-Term Report. We intentionally waited for the report before we submitted the request for eligibility.

Edwin was determined to make up credits by attending summer school and by taking online courses. Edwin did complete the needed courses to get on track, but finished two credits after the current school year started. Our start date of August 31 added to his challenge. He completed his courses on October 8, 2015. He is now at 17.00 credits. We would like to keep the momentum he has established for himself, and motivate Edwin by getting him involved in our athletic program.

Edwin has been giving his best effort in completing the necessary credits and has earned the opportunity to be involved in extra-curricular activities this year. As with a few others, there were a few glitches in the school's technology for online courses, as we went through a period of transition, which delayed Edwin's efforts and he has learned to be proactive in seeking the support needed to help himself. That is a big step for Edwin, and it has had a positive ripple affect among a few of our students.

Again, we have seen tremendous growth in Edwin understanding the need to focus on his education. We are formalizing a plan to ensure that he continues to strengthen his academic skills, pass each class, and achieve the one credit he lacks to graduate from Wilsonville. The goal is to have Edwin credit-whole by February 2016.

I am requesting that the OSAA Hardship Committee grant eligibility for Edwin.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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