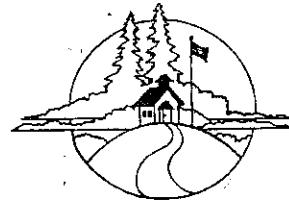


Before I moved in with Mike,
For about the last 3 years my mom
was always very mean to me. One time
she really beat me up. I left her. My dad
is in prison now. He was doing my chores
me and my brothers so we live with our
mom. Around my 18th birthday in high school
my grades started dropping. One time
Drinking him my grades a lot. Since then
I hate her. My mom beats me. She
always beats me. She has never
smiled. She has never been
kind. She has never been one I look down
depressed for a long time. One time like
a failure, I had no supporters and didn't
really have anyone who supports me
or encourages me. Eventually I just
couldn't live there anymore so I moved
in with Mike. Since then I have gained
a lot of self-confidence and I feel like
I have more of a purpose in life. I've
been keeping up with my school work and
trying to cheer people up. I think that doing
that will give me self-confidence and
motivation to do my school work. It will
also give me a lot of opportunities
and hopefully help me get a scholarship.

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J



"Discovering Endless Possibilities..."

10-13-15

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Dylan Shay and his athletic eligibility. I have been a teacher at Vernonia Schools since 2006. I currently serve as Dean of Students but until this year had been assigned as the career education teacher and the independent study teacher; which includes the summer school program. I mention this as I have taught Dylan in all three courses.

Dylan is a talented and interesting young man that has never had a spark for school until this summer. He has had the opportunity to move to a supportive environment that provides him the stability needed to concentrate on his studies. I have never before seen Dylan so motivated to complete school and earn his high school diploma.

Beyond the positive living arrangements, Dylan has found a positive outlet for his talents; cheer. We are in a unique position to provide Dylan with the opportunities to graduate high school, participate in a sport that will offer him further discipline, and give him the chance at a successful life; the real goal of school.

I have been working with Dylan, his guardian, and school staff to get Dylan to the point of being on track to graduate. He has a long road ahead of him but I believe if the motivation he has demonstrated keeps up, he will make it. The choices life threw at Dylan were not his but this opportunity to excel through athletics is; given the chance.

Please consider this letter of support when reviewing Dylan's eligibility. Feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

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