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Dear Mr. Welter,

I write this hardship on the behalf of Mario Sensat. Mario is a foreign exchange student who competes on our JV Soccer team. Mario started at our school on our first day of school with a temporary host family, and as he developed some relationships he found a host family with one of our students here at Milwaukie. The host family he has met with and has decided to live with is a family who lives in the Rex Putnam boundaries. Their son has been on a transfer since kindergarten in the Milwaukie feeder system. With that, we have already obtained an approved transfer request from Rex Putnam, and Mario has never attended Rex Putnam this year.

Please consider approving a hardship for Mario to complete this year with his eligibility at Milwaukie High School. Being a part of our athletics programs and enrichment activities, it is an important part of the whole high school experience for Mario.

Thank you for your consideration!
Sincerely,



K.T. Emerson



RE: Mario Sensat
Exchange Student

I am the National Director with Terra Lingua USA and Mario Sensat is an exchange student with my program. He was placed in a Welcome Family in the Milwaukie attendance area. Welcome families commit to hosting a student for the first 4-8 weeks of the school year.

Mario found a permanent host family on his own, through a friend on the soccer team, who lives in the Putnam attendance area and transfers to Milwaukie High School. The host mom in the permanent family is also a staff member at Milwaukie High School. Mario has attended Milwaukie High School from the beginning of the school year. Our intention was never for Mario to attend Putnam HS. And we had no idea Mario playing soccer would be jeopardized by this move.

Students do not choose their placement status so moving was beyond his control. No longer being able to play soccer would negatively impact his exchange experience, and I feel would be unfair to Mario and his JV teammates.

We appreciate your consideration for Mario to continue to play soccer.

From:

Jena Benologa

National Director with Terra Lingua USA

October 15, 2015

Hello,

My name is Lori Burgener and I am Mario's host mother. I am writing this letter to express our desire for Mario to continue both attending Milwaukie High School and to be able to play soccer with his jv team mates. We had no idea that taking Mario into our home would cause this problem. Mario and my son became friends after meeting on the soccer team. My son has attended Milwaukie schools since he was in kindergarten. When we found out that Mario needed a permanent host home, we were eager to have him with us. It did not occur to us that anything would change as far as Mario's school/sports situation. So far it has been a great experience for Mario and for our whole family. I am a teacher at Milwaukie High School and much of our life revolves around the school and school activities. Mario has made many friends on the soccer team and really feels a part of the community. I would hate that our becoming his host family might take this away from him, especially since my son will still be playing. I can not imagine how hard it would be to take Sam to practice and games and have Mario stay in the stands with us. I know that soccer is a big part of Mario's life and he really wants to play. Transferring him to Putnam to allow him to play soccer would be a major disruption to our lives and not be in the best interest for Mario. He has improved his grades and made friends and team mates, Please allow him to play.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Lori Burgener". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Lori Burgener