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BENSON POLYTECHNIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear NWOC Hardship Committee,

I am writing this letter to provide further information on the Eligibility Request from Parkrose High School on behalf of Will Likayi. Will attended Benson High School his freshman and sophomore years. During that time he participated in our basketball program. Will has always been a good student, a good athlete, and a good citizen at Benson. He was well liked by his teachers, peers, and coaches.

At the end of the 2014-15 school year Will came to my office with transfer paperwork. He told me he was intending to transfer to Parkrose High School, the neighborhood school where he lives. I was sad to see him leave as was our coaching staff but I signed off on the transfer. Someone did mention to me that Will lived in the Portland Public School area and did not live in the Parkrose area. I called Parkrose AD Dave Richardson and told him about the intent to transfer of Will. I also told him that Will is a good student and in good standing at Benson but that I was concerned that he was not living in Parkrose and wanted him to be aware so that it did not become an issue later.

Dave Richardson called me back at the beginning of the year and told me that he had called the parent(s) of Will and that they confirmed that he was indeed living in the Parkrose School District with his mother. I was then surprised to receive information on the hardship because in actuality Will was living with his uncle and not his mother.

I am in support of Will getting a good education wherever he chooses and am in support of him playing basketball wherever he chooses. I know his family situation is challenging but support what is best for him if that means living in the Parkrose School District with his uncle..

Sincerely,

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