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Dear OSAA Hardship Committee,

My name is Zachary Lauritzen and I am an Assistant Principal at Willamette High School in Eugene, Oregon. I am writing on behalf of Yancy Rangel and his request to be eligible for athletics at his new high school, Gold Beach High School.

Yancy attended Willamette for a significant portion of his freshmen year. During this freshmen year, Yancy experienced and played a part in a number of difficult social situations which resulted in a transfer to neighboring Churchill High School. This move was a direct result of these social difficulties at Willamette High School, not a move made for athletic gain.

Ultimately, the distance between Willamette and Churchill was not sufficient and the aforementioned challenges that led to his initial transfer continued. At this juncture, Yancy's father from Gold Beach had Yancy move back to Gold Beach, the community Yancy had primarily grown up in until his parent's divorce.

Through the last year Yancy has had both social challenges and academic deficiencies. I am writing on his behalf to allow for an athletics hardship because in his time at Willamette, he proved an ability to be successful at both athletics and academics simultaneously. It is my belief that once in a stable environment, Yancy will again find that balanced success. It is for this reason that I support Yancy Rangel's request to be athletically eligible at Gold Beach High School.

Warm regards,

Zachary Lauritzen
Assistant Principal
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