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To the OSAA:

We would like to request a hardship waiver for our daughter Yosalinn Hernandez to compete with the McMinnville swim team this winter. Yosalinn has 17.5 credits at this time,  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit shy of the mandated 18 credits needed for a senior athlete to start fall sports. She has currently completed a  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit recovery class or U.S. Government, so her credit deficiency should be taken care of at this time.

Yosalinn is on an IEP, and her learning disability has made it very difficult for her to participate in and pass mainstream high school classes. Yosalinn struggled as a freshman at Forest Grove High School and failed several courses before the school recommended a modified diploma. We disagreed with this course of action and pulled Yosalinn out of school and put her online for her sophomore year.

She fell short of completing a couple classes while enrolled online and this combined with her problems as freshman have led to her credit deficiency. As a junior, she went to Century High School, where I taught Language Arts the last two years. Yosalinn was enrolled in all mainstream courses and was able to pass all her classes and maintain a good GPA. In addition she worked during the summer to recover English credits. She has since done quite well here at McMinnville and is on track to graduate. She has really tried hard to succeed in school and her hard work and perseverance has paid off with an opportunity to earn a regular diploma on time at MHS.

Yosalinn has been a competitive swimmer for 7 years (with the FG swim team, the Hillsboro Heat and now with McMinnville) but has never had the chance to compete at the high school level. She is a very hard working student and athlete, and we feel she deserves the chance to swim and compete for McMinnville High School. We hope that you will consider waiving the 18 credit requirement on her behalf and give her this opportunity to swim for her high school.

Thank you for your consideration,

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