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Oregon Schools Athletic Association
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RE: Joseph Nathaniel LeCoe Eligibility Hardship

Dear Activities Board,

My name is Nate LeCoe and I am currently enrolled at Elmira High School. I was recently informed by our Athletic Director yesterday that I might be ineligible to play for my school since I currently do not reside in the Fern Ridge School District. I am asking for a hardship so I can play with my friends that I have known for the past two years.

The start of my freshman year, I was at Crow High School and had issues there with some of the students. Because of my ethnicity, I was targeted by other students and my dad moved me to Elmira High School because of this. We had lived on the borderline of both districts but my dad moved into the Fern Ridge School District so I could attend Elmira.

This past summer, my dad received a job offer in Alaska and we left to live up there. I hated it up there and missed my friends. We decided as a family that it was in my best interest to go back to Elmira to finish up my high school career. The only way this would work is if I lived with my younger brother and sister which lived with my aunt. I didn't think this was an issue at the time and attended Elmira as a sophomore.

Now, I am trying out for the basketball program and was informed that since my aunt does not live in this district that I would have to write a letter explaining my desire to enjoy high school and compete with my friends that I have grown up with. I have enjoyed my educational experience at Elmira and the students and teachers make this school what it is. I would not want to attend another high school this far into my schooling.

Please except this letter and thank you for your time and consideration on this matter. I appreciate everyone that is involved in this decision and I hope it is for the betterment of my educational career. Let me stay as a Falcon.

Sincerely,



Joseph Nathaniel LeCoe