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To whom it may concern;

RE: Zachery Brown

Zachery Brown is a 12th grade student at North Valley High School on an IEP for A Specific Learning Disability. His freshman and sophomore year were outstanding and he passed all his classes. However, last year Zachery struggled with his academics and fell behind in his classes. He seemed to struggle with just having enough energy to be at school. Different interventions were established but nothing seemed to work. His parents removed him from the swim team as a consequence for not completing work. The hope was that not having to go to practices would give him more time to work and rest. However, it seemed like the opposite happened, and Zachery fell even further behind. Zachery ended up failing 3 classes and received incompletes in two classes. He only passed two classes at the end of the semester last year.

For the 2015-2016 school year Zachery has been working hard. He completed work at the start of the school year for the two incomplete classes and changed them to passing grades and received credit. He is currently passing all his classes with the exception of one. The current class he is not passing is only because he needs to make up an assessment. He has recommitted to his education and is on track to graduate this year. In my professional opinion allowing Zachery to participate in swimming will only benefit his participation in his academics. Zachery is a very respectful young man who is interested in joining the Military after he completes his high school education. He is currently engaged in school, and positive about graduating high school. Zachery is making progress towards his IEP goals and graduation. Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns. Thank you very much for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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