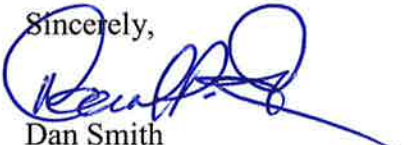December 3, 2015

SWC Hardship Committee,

Dominic Deitrick is a junior at North Medford High School. He transferred from South Medford, where his dad had lived, to North Medford, where his mom lives, between school years, which would normally allow him to be eligible. The problem is, we hired a teacher this year, Greg Bryant, who was the wrestling coach at South Medford HS last year, so his transfer falls under the "undue influence" rule, making him ineligible since he had contact with our new coach within the last year, while he was coaching at South Medford. We just became aware of this as he was signing his OSAA transfer form.

I have talked with Dominic, his mom, Greg Bryant, and our head wrestling coach. In no way did Dominic transfer to North Medford HS because he was recruited to do so by Greg, or to follow Greg Bryant from South to North. In talking with Dominic, and looking at his grades from 4th quarter last year, Dominic says he got mixed up with the wrong crowd and needed a change of peers. He passed 2 classes 4th quarter at South. He passed 8 classes his first quarter at North. So that did seem like a positive change. Also, he father, who had previously lived in the South attendance area, moved into the Eagle Point attendance area. Dominic's family did not think it would be academically beneficial to move school districts, so they decided to have him live with mom.

Given these circumstances, and the reason for his transfer, we do not believe that Dominic should be denied the opportunity to make positive connections at his new school. We respectfully request he be granted to opportunity to participate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dan Smith
Principal, North Medford HS

Tim Sam
Athletic Director, North Medford HS

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