

December 2, 2015

RE: Chase C. Robbins – Senior

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in regards to the current academic suspension that my son is on because of the grades he carried last year and why I believe he should be allowed to play.

I cannot sugar coat the situation, or tell you that there was something going on because there wasn't any one defining thing that caused Chase to do less than adequate in school last year. I can tell you that his Junior year of high school was the hardest thus far and he had to figure out that school was a priority over social time with his friends. In years past he hasn't had to apply himself. That changed for him last year. He realized that sliding by didn't cut it. He has actually gone into his Senior year of high school with a different outlook. One that he knows he has to apply himself. That he is getting ready to go out into the world and that the world requires effort and trying his best. He is working really hard this year to finish strong by putting in the required work and being diligent about his studies. So with his grades I can tell you what I have seen and observed with him so far this year. He is sticking true to that.

What I can tell you is why I think it is important for him to play in light of his lack luster academic performance last year. Chase has grown up with these kids. Most of them have been playing basketball together since the first grade. They have grown up together. They have been committed to each other and their team for 12 years. They have seen each other through trials, tribulations and been a support for one another. They have been accountable to one another and called each other out when the situation needed it. The most important thing I have seen is that they have rallied around each other when it has been needed because they are more than team mates, they are brothers, they are a family. It has kept them all, not just Chase, in a forward moving direction with focus and goals. It has taught them that they are held to a higher standard than most and that their overall performance in life affects them on the court. Being a part of a team for so long has taught my son too many lessons to try and list.

With that being said, I know that this is one of those lessons in life that he will have to go through, that his decisions and choices brought him to this place. I would love to see him finish his senior year playing with the team that he always has but I also understand that there are more lessons to be learned and that rules are in place for a reason. I will always go to bat for my son and support him but I also support the decision you have a head of you in teaching him life's lessons. Please know that whatever you decide for my son, I will support and back.

Sincerely,

Barb Andrews