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TO: Tom Welter
FR: Todd Nagel
RE: Taren McDowell

December 9, 2015

Dear Tom,

Gresham High School is seeking an eligibility waiver for eleventh grade student Taren McDowell. Taren began this school year short of the necessary credits required to be considered "on-track". He would like to compete with our wrestling team this winter.

Taren has had a number of academic struggles during his time at Gresham High. He is currently on an IEP and was switched to our Modified Diploma program after his freshman year. This program requires 1 less total credit than our regular diploma and reduces the number of required courses. It also allows Taren to re-take any failed required courses during his regular day instead of having to enter a credit recovery program.

Taren did pass five classes last spring and is currently passing all seven of his classes this semester. I have submitted his most recent progress report with the waiver request. Certainly, Taren still has room to improve his academic standing but he has made strides so far this year. Wrestling is a motivating factor for him as well. The team has required study halls after school which will further support Taren's academic efforts.

Please contact me if you have questions about this waiver request. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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