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To Whom It May Concern:

Jonathan Enyeart was a student at Wilson High School from August 2014 through November 2015. His experience at Wilson was filled with ups and downs. Jonathan struggled with the transition to high school and missed a substantial amount of school. Jonathan repeatedly found himself in conflicts with other students that caused him to receive school discipline. Jonathan expressed to the Dean of Students that he was being targeted by other students, harassed and bullied. He also shared concerns about bullying taking place within the football team.

In the fall semester of 2015, Jonathan's attendance continued to impact his school performance. Disciplinary violations eventually led him to be referred to a PPS intervention called the "Student Success Center." Jonathan successfully completed this 3-week program in December of 2015, and chose not return to Wilson following the program.

Despite the rough start to high school, Jonathan did manage to pass 6 classes freshman year and to his credit, completed the Student Success Center intervention, which may have placed him on a better trajectory going into his new placement. I am encouraged to learn that he is motivated to engage in interscholastic athletics at Westside Christian. I believe that every student, despite their challenges or prior transgressions, deserves every opportunity we can muster to help them become a successful and productive person. I believe that athletics is one of the strongest motivators we have and helps young people improve their sense of personal value and belonging within the school community. If Jonathan was still a student at Wilson, I would support giving him the opportunity to participate in our track program, and also encourage him to find some redemption from a tough start.

It is also worth noting that Jonathan was receiving Special Education services at Wilson. This fact would have a significant impact on his ability to petition to participate in athletics were he still attending Wilson or another public high school.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "B. Chatard".

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