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Subject: Re: Arrange Transfer -- REQUEST FOR TRANSFER to Tillamook HS
Date: December 23, 2015 at 3:12 PM
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Nathan,

That's great news! Thank you very much for getting back to me during Christmas break. I know that everyone is busy with the holiday and I so appreciate all of your prompt attention to this matter. Kalli and I will get in touch with coach, and she'll make plans to attend practices next week. Yeah! This really helps to ease the difficult with the whole situation. We already feel very welcomed by THS.

Merry Christmas! And we look forward to meeting with you Jan. 4th.

Laura Swanson

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From: "Nathan Sandberg" <sandbergn@tillamook.k12.or.us>
To: "Laura Swanson" <laura@nehalemtel.net>
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Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2015 1:29:32 PM
Subject: Re: Arrange Transfer -- REQUEST FOR TRANSFER to Tillamook HS

Laura,

Glad to have your daughter become part of THS and our athletic programs. I have heard great things about your daughter already and I look forward to having her part of our team.

I have talked with the girls basketball coach Shanda Wagner and she would like you to contact her at your earliest convenience. Her phone number is (360) 433-7112.

As of right now, your daughter may practice with the team but will not be able to compete until the hardship has been approved by the league. I doubt the hardship will be an issue but I will not be able to get the hardship sent off until I return to the office. I have your emails which will be acceptable for the league. The only other thing that I will need is a transcript from NKN that I will get from our counsellors after we get back from break. I will get it sent off to the other ADs/principals to vote ASAP but I cannot promise that it will come before break is over. We have a 2 business day turn around for hardships with the principals but due to break time it could take longer.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to let me know.

Thanks

Nathan

It's a great day to be a Cheesemaker!

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 23, 2015, at 10:25 AM, Laura Swanson <laura@nehalemtel.net> wrote:

Hello Randy, Greg, Gail & Nathan,
I have Kalli's registration paperwork ready ... should I drop off at the District Office or the High School?? And is anyone at the High School?
Please let me.

Nathan - as I mentioned, Kalli would like to begin practicing with the basketball team as soon as possible, so what do we have to do for the hardship waiver? OSAA has tossed the ball back to you'all. Please let me know if it's okay for her to attend some practices next week.

Thanks again for your quick attention to this matter. We are already feeling very welcomed to THS.

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Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 1:19:01 PM
Subject: Re: Arrange Transfer -- REQUEST FOR TRANSFER to Tillamook HS

Laura,
Thanks for the background information on Kalli, she sounds like she has done a great job getting to this point in her Senior year. I'm sure this whole situation, and the thought of leaving her school is very tough on her. I'm sorry she's had to go through this.

I have talked to Greg, and I am willing to approve the inter-district transfer for Kalli from NKN to Tillamook High School. With an inter-district transfer, the student is required to maintain good status in grades, attendance and behavior at all times, or the transfer can be revoked, and the student can be sent back to their home district. Based on what you have shared about Kalli, I don't expect that will be a problem.

I cannot guarantee that Kalli will become eligible to participate in sports at THS. I'm guessing, in your conversations with the OSAA, they said that the league could approve a hardship situation for an athlete. If I understand the process, Kalli would have to apply for a hardship to the rules, through the Cowapa League. Three principals from the league will vote on whether to approve her hardship or not. In similar cases I've seen in the past, they have been somewhat sympathetic to students who are being harassed or bullied.

and need to have a change, but nobody from THS will be allowed to vote on this decision, so I can't predict an outcome. We will do what we can to get Kalli OSAA eligible, but you need to have the conversation with her about whether she would come to Tillamook even if she couldn't get eligible. I will copy this e-mail to Nathan Sandburg, our Athletic Director, who would be the one you would talk to about eligibility and any other questions about athletics.

In Tillamook, we pride ourselves in creating a great environment for which students can learn and thrive. Although the circumstances of this move are not ideal, I'm hoping that it ends up being a very good thing and that she feels safe and at home at THS.

Randy Schild
Superintendent

On Tue, Dec 22, 2015 at 8:38 AM, Laura Swanson <laura@nehalemtel.net> wrote:

Thanks so much, Randy.

Please consider this communication as our request to a transfer for our daughter Kalli (Kallan) Swanson to Tillamook High School. Kalli has been subjected to an ongoing bullying situation at Neah-Kah-Nie High School, which we have reported and the school has done nothing to alleviate, and in fact, their lack of action has caused the bullying, harassment and stalking to intensify. NKN is an unsafe and unhealthy environment for Kalli. She has suffered physical (migraines and nausea) and mental health impacts on a regular basis, beginning in March during last school year when the bullying intensified, and now again, as it has escalated. We had considered the transfer at the beginning of the school year, but Kalli was hoping that it wouldn't be as bad, and wanted to finish out her senior year at NKN. That has now become impossible. It is a toxic environment for her.

According to OSAA, it is up to the school in regards to her eligibility to play. I've already checked with them, and if it is a district policy that the parents live in the district, and given the nature of this situation, and how important basketball is to Kalli, and that she could make positive contributions to the team, I hope that we can apply for a waiver of the rule. My husband and I both work in Tillamook – Rich works for Safeway and I work for the Headlight-Herald. Please let me know what we can do. My niece lives in Tillamook, and if we have to register Kalli's address as their address ... please work with us to help Kalli to play basketball and participate in track. Kalli has been a three-sport athlete during her high school career; she was selected as Athlete of the Month at NKN; she is the captain of the

basketball team.

Kalli is a nearly 4.0 student, and has already been accepted to Oregon State University. She is in Honor Society, FBLA, Leos and has thousands of hours of volunteer time, is the student liaison for the Year of Wellness and will be a positive valuable addition to Tillamook High School.

Thank you so much for your help with this situation, and we understand how difficult this can be. Kalli already has friends at Tillamook as she took the Health Occupations and Emergency Procedures classes there during first term.

Please let me know if there's any additional information you need from us, and what we can do to work out the participation in sports -- again Kalli would make a positive impact on the basketball and track teams.

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Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 7:25:01 AM
Subject: Re: Arrange Transfer

Laura,

It looks like the superintendent from NKN is willing to release your daughter from attendance at NKN, which is half of the process. You would now need to write a letter (e-mail) to me, requesting the transfer and explaining why you feel it would be better for your daughter to be in Tillamook schools.

Understand, that if the transfer is approved, your daughter would not be allowed to play basketball because of OSAA rules that prevent transfers from playing if the parents do not live in the district.

Transferring in the middle of the year is difficult for a student. We do not take the approval or denial of this lightly. Additionally, any transfer approval is conditional on the good behavior, academics and social interaction of the student and can be revoked at any time.

Thanks

Randy Schild
Superintendent

On Mon, Dec 21, 2015 at 10:58 AM, Laura Swanson

<laura@nehalemtel.net> wrote:

Thanks so much Greg. Why is a waiver to transfer a "big hurdle"?

Should there be a problem getting permission to transfer to Tillamook? I'm hoping that we can make this happen during Christmas break. Also, what do we need to do to see if she can play on the basketball team? She's starting varsity at NKN. Can you put me in touch with the AD and/or basketball coach to see about that aspect of all this, too? Again, thank you.

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Sent: Monday, December 21, 2015 10:54:00 AM
Subject: Re: Arrange Transfer

Laura,
You will need to start at the NKN district office for a waiver to transfer. This is the big hurdle. If that is approved, call Gail at TSD9 DO. She'll advise you on how to petition for permission to transfer into our district. Once approved, come to the high school and see Lee Peterson. Kalli's counselor will be Robb Ellis. He'll help her with classes.
Good Luck!
Greg

On Mon, Dec 21, 2015 at 8:49 AM, Laura Swanson <laura@nehalemtel.net> wrote:

Hello Randy and Greg,
Could you please advise me on the process for my daughter, Kalli to transfer to Tillamook High School for the remainder of the year?
Thank you.

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