

**McKENZIE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**No. 68**

51187 Blue River Drive - Finn Rock, Oregon 97488

1/1/2016

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Coleby Hart. I have gotten to know Coleby over the past month as he has enrolled in McKenzie where I serve as Principal and moved into my home where my wife and I serve as his foster parents. Coleby is in our home in order to grow as a student and citizen. He has made poor decisions in his past, decisions that may have been avoided given more guidance and support in his life. The program we work with strongly values student participation in school and extra-curricular activities as these are avenues to help connect at risk students with caring adults. We all know the power of a positive adult in our lives. It is safe to say that most of us are in this field to help be the positive connection for the students we teach and the players we coach.

Beyond positive adult connections, athletics offers young people needed structure, discipline and team work skills that are vital to our society, beyond that athletic participation promotes connections with peers. As Coleby works to grow in these important skills, he would benefit greatly by the opportunity of continuing, applied practice and the ongoing relationships with peers and coaches that athletics provides.

Please consider allowing Coleby Hart to participate this season.

Thank You,



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