

To whom it may concern,

My name is Kassidy McCullough and I am a previous student at Riverside High School. I am currently a student at Heppner High School. I am a junior and I am very dedicated to school and athletics.

My parents and I decided to transfer schools second semester of the 2015-2016 school year. We feel it is a better fit for me. This decision happened because of events that happened at Riverside High School.

I am hoping to continue participating in athletics as the year goes on at Heppner High School. This year when basketball rolled around, when I was a student at RHS, I did not feel comfortable playing due to the behavior of fellow teammates. I gave up basketball to try to make things better. This decision was made to put a stop to the issues with harassment, and bullying but it only made it worse.

The issues continued and got worse after deciding to not play basketball. The harassment and intimidation got worse when photo shopped pictures were made and distributed via social media. These were very upsetting to myself and my parents. After having the police involved as well as being the talk of the town is when I decided to not return to school for the rest of that week. It was embarrassing and I did not want to go anywhere.

On top of this, a group of girls couldn't seem to let things go. I was continuously being talked about in public and over social media as well as pushed around in the halls. I started refusing to go to school because I was tired of everything.

Riverside High School became a very uncomfortable place for me to be. Transferring seemed like the only way to start fresh, and so far it has been great. Heppner High School staff and students have been nothing but welcoming and helpful. It was definitely the right decision to transfer.

I have wrote this letter to ask you to please allow me to be eligible to play sports for HHS.

Thank you, Kassidy McCullough.

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