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To whom it may concern:

My name is Jenna McLaughlin and I have recently transferred to Heppner High School from Riverside High School. I am a freshman and school and sports are really important to me.

My whole life I've been an A and B student. I am in an advanced math class and also in an honors class. School has always been important and I have always tried to succeed, even while playing sports.

I have played volleyball, basketball and softball ever since I was old enough to, except this year when I decided not to play basketball for various reasons. Basketball has always been fun to me but this year I didn't want to cause excess drama with some of the players. But by not playing things got worse, rumors started, my sister, cousin, and I were getting treated poorly and bullied via social media.

All of the drama before winter break made us all not want to go to school which is when we decided we wanted to transfer to Heppner High School after the semester ended. We were encouraged and supported by our decision. I feel that transferring to Heppner was the right choice and I love it so far. My first day at Heppner I realized that I am way behind and have not learned as much as the other students when I was attending Riverside High. All of the teachers were very helpful and tried

to do all they could to help us all catch
up with them. I'm being challenged at
Heppner High more than I ever was at
Riverside.

I am writing this letter to ask you
to —→ accept our petition for a hardship
to play sports for Heppner High School.

Thank you,
Jenna Lu