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To Whom it may concern,

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This letter is in support of Felicitas Yam. She is currently a senior at Estacada High School who is excited about graduating and moving on with a career very soon. She has been part of the cheer and dance squad this year and in past years.

This young lady has worked through many struggles in her high school years and sees how staying on track can move her along farther than the opposite. She has met continually with her counselor to make sure she is taking the necessary classes and steps to graduate.

As a leader on both the cheer and dance teams, she has been a cornerstone for those teams to be able to excel and compete at the OSAA level. I am recommending granting her a hardship for the remainder of this school year in order for her to finish what she has started.

Thank you for your time and consideration and please contact me with any questions.

Trevor Syring

Athletic Director

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Dear OSAA,

I feel like I deserve to be able to participate in dance and cheer because I have been trying really hard to fix my mistakes from my past years. I do take full responsibility of my actions that made those mistakes occur; I shouldn't have let myself get so far behind.

Some ways I have been working on it is I have been meeting with my school counselor frequently to make sure that I am keeping up with things. I am taking two online courses to make up credits, and I have six in school classes. I have discussions with my teachers at least once a week to make sure my work is complete and passing. And I am now using a planner and check off lists to make sure everything is in order.

I have also been looking into colleges. I am hoping to receive an acceptance letter from Western Oregon University. I want to go study pre-nursing and then go on to become a midwife. While I am there I want to minor in dance. I have been asking the Aspire office for new scholarship forms whenever they get new ones; I am applying for anything I can to make sure my future is heading in the right direction.

Cheer and dance have helped me a lot over the years. I've been doing these sports since I was in eighth grade. While participating in these activities I have kept my grades up. So they have worked in being my motivation. During the last half of my sophomore year and my junior year I wasn't able to participate and I started to fall behind. My grades, hard work, and motivation has improved greatly since I rejoined these sports. Dancing and cheering is a passion for me. It isn't a "want" anymore, it's more of a "need". Because I am so passionate to be able to be a part of these teams and I have proved how hard I have been working, I believe that I should be allowed to continue on with the current seasons.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Felicitas M. Yam". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Felicitas" on the first line and "M. Yam" on the second line.

Felicitas M. Yam

Dear OSAA,

1/26/16

Yam, has been working very hard this year to make up for mistakes in her past. She let herself fall far behind, but has worked really hard to get back on track to graduate in June. She checks in with teachers and on-line to make sure assignments are in and that she is passing. She speaks often to her counselor to make sure everything is on track. She loves cheer and dance. She plans on going to Western Oregon University to study nursing to become a midwife. She also plans on minoring in dance. Please do not hold her past mistakes against her. She really wants to cheer and dance this year, her senior year.

Thank you,  
Jacqueline Yam