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**My name is Rose Keep. I have the privilege of being the Grandmother to Jordan Herrera.**

I have been involved in his life since the beginning. I have watched him excel in so many things. Sports have always been an important part of his life.

Jordan began school at the age of 3. As he struggled with writing he excelled in math, reading and social skills.

Along came grade school and middle school. He worked hard at his classes. Not wanting to ask for help he began to struggle with finishing homework and understanding why he was struggling.

I believe starting high school was overwhelming when he began getting behind, again not asking for help he seemed to give up on himself.

When he started to realize he had to figure out for himself what was going on he began to realize his anxiety along with ADD could be contributing to why he wasn't on track with school.

Through all of it, Jordan used basketball to work through his anxiety and keep in the game of life. He sees it is as something that comes easy to him and he is good at. Confidence is important to him and basketball gives that to him.

Elmira High School has given Jordan the support he has always longed for and has always deserved to have. Basketball will give him the confidence he needs to succeed in the future. Being part of something that you are good at is everyone's happiness in life.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Rose Keep