



ELMIRA HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Mr. Welter,

I am writing this letter in support of a hardship approval for Jordan Herrera. Jordan came to Elmira High School about half-way through the school year last year. Previous to coming to EHS Jordan attended Willamette High School. Jordan admittedly made poor choices during the end of his freshmen year and beginning of his sophomore year at Willamette High School. These poor decisions led to several failing grades which has caused him to be credit deficient.

Since coming to Elmira High School Jordan has been a very nice addition to our school. He is well-liked and has had no behavior issues. In talking to Jordan, his teachers, and his family I believe it is possible that Jordan has some learning disabilities that make it difficult for him to be successful. This past summer Jordan enrolled in a summer math class. Even though the family hired a tutor to help him, he has had difficulty passing this course. He is now done with the coursework and this past weekend has taken the final exam. His teachers speak of his inability to pay attention and his lack of organization.

Even though Jordan has been ineligible all year he has been a strong member of the team. He never misses a practice and has been the biggest cheerleader during games. I believe Jordan has put forth great effort to pass all classes, but is limited in his ability to do so. He benefits greatly from being a part of this basketball team. Even though he has missed most of the season, if he is allowed to play it would have a huge positive effect on him. Thank you for your consideration of Jordan's hardship request.

Respectfully,

Brian Brands
Elmira High School
Athletic Director

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