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To whom it May Concern,

Since my son, Jesse Duncan, transfers from Carnas Valley School to Douglas High School, this term, I have had a request for a letter ~~this~~ response to the possible conflict that a mid-term transfer presents for a student wishing to participate in school sports. It is my understanding that it is frowned upon to transfer mid-term, so as to deter students intending to seek to be part of a higher ranking team. Although I understand your concern, let me assure you that this is not the case with Jesse.

My marriage in 2007 caused our family to relocate to Kernville, which is in a Winston School district. Jesse should have gone to Douglas High School, but my husband and I made the decision to enroll 5 of my 7 boys in Carnas Valley Charter School, based on smaller classrooms, a close knit community, great football program, and an opportunity to keep siblings together to ease their transition (it is K-12).

We have been very happy with Carnas, and Jesse's 3 younger brothers still attend there. They were younger, have put in

nicely, and were never really exposed to the atmosphere of a larger school. Jesse never fully adopted the rural attitudes, interests, or attire, and missed the social and athletic differences, so prefers Douglas. In fact, for 4 years now, we've been delaying his plans to transfer. We tried to minimize the influence and sometimes negative opportunities available in a larger setting.

Well, after years of appeasing us, Jesse turned 18, and we feel he's on the right track. He's a good young man, good student, good athlete, so my husband made a deal with Jesse, giving him permission to attend Douglas, which will be easy because of the friendships he already established while playing baseball for Douglas, last year, since they are in a (co-op?) w/ Lamar, who ~~doesn't~~ doesn't offer baseball, or wrestling. There is no "home team," only Douglas.

Jesse tried to be a "Trojan" last year, but we were standing in the way. Now, he would like to

finish the school year, at Douglas,
with his friends and teammates.

I hope my letter answers any
questions you have regarding his
motives. I expect you will come to
a decision in favor of Jesse continuing
his education as a student at Douglas,
as well as his sport season as a
valuable member of their baseball team.

Thank You -

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