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To Whom It may Concern;

Magen Gese has been a student in my Choir Program at Mountain View High School in Bend since her freshman year. During her experience here at MVHS, many obstacles and challenges have confronted her. She has bravely battled eating disorders, OCD, bullying, panic attacks, poverty, and many other long and threatening illnesses. These issues have caused her to miss school.

As a result of these challenges and very difficult circumstances, Magen has fallen behind in her studies. This past semester and the present one, Magen has begun working with online classes to recover missing credits. She is assigned to be in my classroom for all but one period a day, as it is here she feels safe and secure enough to get her work finished.

I have had the pleasure to watch this dear girl overcome so many things! in the face of such troubles, most of us would just have given up. Not Magen. She comes to school every day and works hard to stay on task with her online classes. She is a diligent worker and dedicated vocalist. Today she sang a solo in Voice Class that was just beautiful! – and her musicality has increased as she is building confidence and gaining experience and success.

This child is the kind we educators dream about – a student who does not give up, who perseveres through adversity, who is willing to do whatever it takes to get to her goal, a literal 'come back kid.'. One of those goals is to be able to perform with her Concert Choir, Intro to Jazz and Mixed Choir classmates at the District 5 Large Ensemble Choral Festival. I ask you to please give Magen the opportunity to do so. Thank you so much for helping to make this decision for our Magen, and honoring her for the effort she is making to change her own destiny.

Yours sincerely,



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