

## Chase Buel\_Request for Special Consideration to Participate in Athletic Program

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Mr. Coleman:

This is a request for you to petition the OSAA District Committee for special consideration through the Transfer Hardship Appeals Procedure, in allowing student Chase Buel to participate in the Reynolds High School Athletic Program.

My name is Levi Yandell and I am Chase's cousin. For clarification, based on our age difference, he refers to me as his uncle. Chase recently moved from his mother's residence located in the Barlow School District, to my residence, 1036 SW Edgefield Ave. in Troutdale, OR, within the Reynolds School District.

The circumstances related to his change of residence are in reaction to the behavior displayed by his biological father, Bruce Buel. Bruce has been criminally convicted of physical violence against Chase in the recent past. That incident involved Bruce entering Chase's mother's residence (of which Bruce was not a resident, he and Chase's mother have been divorced for some time, and he does not exercise any parental rights or privileges) and attacked Chase.

The conditions of Bruce's sentencing included a term of probation, of which he is reportedly violating at this time. Bruce has threatened additional acts of violence towards Chase specifically, and other family members in general.

Chase's mother, Amanda Waibel, has additional children living at her residence, located in a remote area of Multnomah County. She has expressed concern for Chase's safety, based upon Bruce's past behavior, his threats of additional violence, and his current status of being in violation of his probation.

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It was decided as a family that Chase, as well as others at his mother's residence, would be in a safer environment if he were to live with me, acting as his guardian/*in loco parentis*. Chase is currently living at my residence, approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile from Reynolds High School, and 1 mile from my office at the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, 234 SW Kendall Court in Troutdale.

Chase receives a great deal of satisfaction from his involvement in sports, and his continued participation will greatly benefit his physical and mental development. I believe his continued involvement in sports will allow him to proceed in maturing socially, expand his leadership and critical thinking skills, as well as strengthen his self-esteem.

As the dynamics of this circumstance are clearly beyond his and his mother's control, I ask that this be taken into account when determining Chase's eligibility to participate in the Reynolds High School Athletic Program.

I thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Mr. Levi Yandell

