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Mt. Hood Conference District Committee:

This letter is in reference to Chase Buel. Chase is currently a junior at Reynolds High School. He was previously enrolled at Sam Barlow High School until earlier this month. Chase is hoping to participate for the Reynolds Boys Golf Team but is currently ineligible under OSAA Rule 8.6 (Transfer without change of Joint Residence).

Chase is currently ineligible through no fault of his own. Growing up, Chase's father was abusive both physically and verbally. Chase's mom eventually remarried and their family relocated to the Gresham-Barlow School District, where he attended Sam Barlow High School. Unfortunately, even though Chase was no longer living with his dad, threats were still being made by his dad and at one point, Chase's dad forced his way into Chase's home and physically attacked him. Criminal charges are currently pending.

As a result, Chase and his family made the decision that it would be best for him to live with his cousin, Levi Yandell. Mr. Yandell is a detective with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office. He lives a mile from that office and a half mile from Reynolds High School. Given the family situation, this is a much safer and better environment for Chase to be living in.

Now that he is settled in at Reynolds High School, Chase is wanting to participate in Golf because he hopes that it will help keep his mind off everything he's had to deal with. Golf will help with his healing. Golf will also help ease Chase's continued transition to Reynolds both mentally and socially.

I ask the District Committee to please consider and approve Chase's eligibility for playing golf at Reynolds. If you have any questions or need more information regarding Chase please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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