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WILSON HIGH SCHOOL

To: Tom Welter, Executive Director, OSAA
Date: May 5, 2016

Dear Mr. Welter,

We originally wrote a letter and sent a packet to you in August, 2015 regarding Laddie Wirth. We requested a hardship exception to the rule in which an athlete can only participate in four consecutive years of OSAA sports. You informed us to wait until the 2nd Semester this year to re-submit the eligibility request.

We still strongly support Laddie Wirth being able to participate in OSAA athletics through the 2016-17 school year due to extraordinary circumstances in Laddie's home life and educational history. The details of the case are outlined thoroughly by Laddie and Laddie's parents in the following documents.

In summary, in 2012-13 Laddie played JV2 basketball for Westside Christian and freshman baseball for Wilson HS.

In 2013-14 Laddie earned no school credits and played no sports due to extreme family circumstances which are detailed in the attached documents.

In 2014-15 Laddie played JV football and JV baseball for Wilson.

In 2015-16 Laddie played JV/Varsity football and Varsity baseball for Wilson. Laddie has received no all-league honors and is not a dominant player.

Laddie is on track to graduate after the 2016-17 school year. We feel he will greatly benefit from another year of academic, social and emotional maturity in order to be prepared for attending college in the future, which is his goal. Athletics is also an important part of his life, something that provides extra motivation in his studies and the structure and discipline he needs to be successful in his school life and home life.

Thank you for reviewing Laddie's situation and contact us if you have further questions.

Regards,

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