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Dear Board of Directors:

Powers Lake High School is requesting that you reconsider your direct-request foreign exchange student regulations.

We have one foreign exchange student in our school this year from Mexico. He is staying with a family that has housed exchange students for the past 15 years. In those years they have had brothers, sisters and cousins, all from Mexico, come and stay with them for a year at a time. The reason that the family did a direct request was to make sure that Javier would be able to have a similar experience to his cousin's, who was an exchange student with that host family several years ago. These exchange student's families are sending their children to another country and it is a big comfort to know the kind of family their son or daughter will be staying with.

Our school is small, under 200 K-12, and the opportunities to get involved in our school are limited. We have a few clubs and organizations such as FFA and FBLA but our primary method of involvement is music and sports. Javier is a senior at our school and we would like to provide him with the opportunity to dress for the varsity team when almost all of the freshman and sophomore players do. We would also like him to be able to compete in music contests as that is a large part of the curriculum within our choir class. Javier has never played organized sports or been part of music competitions but he does enjoy music and athletics. I do not know if he will play much on the varsity level but we would like him to have the chance. He would have the chance to compete in music if he is deemed eligible.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue and we ask that you would help Javier be actively involved in every aspect of Powers Lake High School.

Sincerely,

Seth Wisthoff  
High School Principal  
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*"The Powers Lake Schools seek to challenge and encourage all students to become lifelong learners and effective decision makers."*