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To whom it may concern:

Hi there,

My name is Crystal and my son is attending Baker Charter School and we live in Elgin. He has ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder) and ODD (Oppositional Defiant Disorder) and I chose to pull him from the regular school setting due to him not being able to control his constant moving and his lack of waiting his turn to speak. My son is very active in Wrestling and in Football and without the ability participate in sports he would most likely be worse than he is as being able to do the sports helps calm him and keep his mind busy doing what he loves rather than focusing on the “disability” he struggles with on a daily basis.

Having the ability to participate in sports while being home schooled has more impact on the kids then we will ever know. It gives the opportunity to socialize with kids their age with the same interests. In our case Aaden is in the 7th grade so he knows all the kids in our community, but there are cases where children are home schooled from the start and without the chance to participate in sports those children may not ever get to meet these kids. It is so very important for children whom are home schooled be able to participate in the local school districts sports. In our eyes it gives them the chance to be social, meet new friends, learn the sport, help build confidence, keep them active and give them some self worth to the community and school district.

Please do not take this chance away from our children. They to deserve to participate in sports along with the other students in the district.

Thank you for taking the time to read our thoughts on this matter.

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