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Dear School Administrator:

RE: Qualifying Competitive Skater:

U.S. Figure Skating is the national governing body for figure skating, and organizes the competitive structure and regional, sectional and national qualifying competitions. Advancement to the next level is determined by placement in these qualifying events. The United States World and Olympic Teams are selected by this competitive process from the national senior level competitors.

The qualifying competitive season begins at the end of September with skaters competing in one of nine regional championships, followed by sectionals in November and culminates in January with the U.S. Figure Skating Championships. Participation at this level requires many hours of practice and professional instruction. Each participant is a dedicated, disciplined and committed athlete. Most skaters are also involved in off-ice training programs that may include dance, strength training and nutrition. Figure skaters train year round and attend summer schools to increase their proficiency before the season starts.

The purpose of this letter is to encourage the development of a good working relationship between your school and the competitor's family. This combined support is essential for the academic and athletic success of the student. Your school can help develop the young athletes of our country by encouraging the classroom teacher(s) to work with the skaters and their families. If we can find flexible alternatives and help the skater's family formulate a workable arrangement, the athlete can meet the school district academic requirements as well as pursue his/her competitive goals.

It is the responsibility of the skater's parent/guardian to inform the administrator in charge of changes in the training schedule and advancement in the competitive structure. It is expected that the parent/guardian will work in cooperation with the school to monitor the student's academic progress. Many skaters tend to be among the most well rounded academicians too, as they routinely juggle their time to make the most of the training and free time that they have.

Please feel free to contact me if you require more information on US Figure Skating. We hope to work in tandem with the schools as many other Olympic sports do.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dorothy Tank".

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