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Dear School Principal:

RE: NATIONAL SOLO DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITOR

Figure skating has a new and exciting program titled National Solo Dance Competition Series. This year the Broadmoor Skating Club will be hosting the National Solo Dance Championships in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This national Solo Dance Series competition will draw approximately 225 athletes from around the country and take place over the September 20-23, 2012 weekend.

The 2012 Solo Dance Series began in the fall of 2011, with the Series running from November 1 – August 26. The Series included a total of 80 nonqualifying competitions as participating events within the Series. All in all, there were 720 skaters (450 in solo pattern dance and 270 in solo free dance) that took part in the Series and competed at the various participating competitions in an effort to earn points (based upon placement) and qualify for advancement to the Colorado Springs and the National Solo Dance Championships.

The purpose of this letter is to foster 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 these young athletes by encouraging the classroom teacher(s) to work with the skaters and their families.

It is the responsibility of the skater's parent/guardian to inform you in a timely manner of the need to be excused from school due to changes in the training schedule and competition schedule demands. 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 thrive academically as they do athletically and utilize their time management and goal setting capabilities to routinely juggle their time and make the most of the training and free time.

Please feel free to contact me if you require more information on US Figure Skating.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary-Elizabeth Wightman".

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