**APPRECIATING YOUR CHILD’S COACH OR SPORTS MENTOR**

Dear Coach Jackson,

We want to express our *thanks* for making our son, Tim Findley, feel a part of the volleyball team this year. If *you* recall, Tim transferred into the district in late October just after *you* had officially ended try-outs. *You* agreed to make an exception and let him try-out for the team the following week, and fortunately, *you* selected him for the starting line-up. That exception, in itself, could have created jealousies among other students.

We, as well as Tim, feared that might be the case. But as the season began, *you* planned some very important team-building, “bonding” experiences for the boys as *you* traveled to various tournaments to scout the opposition. Those trips especially gave the team members a chance to get to know Tim quickly one on one off the court. Those opportunities made the transition much easier for him in the new school.

And by the way, I might add that his grades have reflected a comfortable adjustment as well.

As *you* may have guessed, changing schools in the middle of the year is never a good situation for any student, but for an athlete, it can be disastrous. Such was not the case for Tim this year, *thanks* to *you*. We do appreciate your constant encouragement, your competent coaching, and your efforts to see that the college scouts take a look at your athletes. What more could parents ask?

Sincerely,

Bill and Bob