RECOMMENDATION FOR REENGAGEMENT PROGRAMMING

The following student: ____________________________ is requesting a recommendation in support of his/her application to enroll in an educational program in the Washington State Reengagement System.

Background:
The Open Doors [1418] Reengagement System is designed to provide educational services for students, ages 16 - 21, who are unlikely to earn a high school diploma before age 21. All reengagement programs provide instruction appropriate to each student’s skills levels and goals, basic academic skills instruction, high-school equivalency certificate preparation, college and work readiness training and case management. Students receive high school credit for all academic work completed and are not required to take only the courses they need to complete in order to graduate. They can work toward other academic goals which may include: a high-school equivalency certificate, post-secondary degree, or industry recognized certificate.

Eligibility for reengagement programming usually depends on a student’s credit deficiency ratio: the number of credits earned divided by the number of credits earned. The system is designed to serve students who have a low ratio, i.e. those who are significantly behind in credits needed for graduation.

However, there are some students who are not significantly behind in credits but have other barriers or life circumstances that make it unlikely that they will be successful in earning a diploma before age 21. WAC 392-700-035 created an alternative way for these students to be determined eligible. The law allows certain authorized professionals, familiar with the student, to provide information regarding other barriers or circumstances and to recommend that these students be enrolled in reengagement programming despite the fact that they are not significantly behind in credits.

Information Requested:
The student named above is not eligible for enrollment in a reengagement program based on credit deficiency. This student is requesting that you, as an authorized professional, provide information as to why you believe they are unlikely to obtain a high school diploma by age 21. Due to your history in working with this student, you are being asked to indicate if you:
1. Believe that it is unlikely that the student will earn a diploma in a traditional or alternative high school prior to age 21; and
2. Recommend enrollment in a reengagement program (which will require, the student’s withdrawal from their traditional or alternative high school).

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Student Authorization to Release Information:
I authorize: ____________________________ from ____________________________ to provide
Name of Person Making Recommendation Agency/Organization Name
information based on their professional history of working with me. Specifically, I authorize them to provide information related to academic or personal barriers that may prevent my graduation from high school prior to age 21 and to provide their recommendation regarding my application for reengagement programming.

__________________________
Student name

__________________________
Signature (if student is 18 years old or older)

__________________________
Date

__________________________
Parent/guardian name

__________________________
Signature (if student is less than 18 years old)

__________________________
Date
Recommendation for Reengagement Programming

Recommendation for __________________________________________________________ provided by:

Student Name ________________________________________________________________

Name of Professional Providing Recommendation __________________________________________

Title __________________________________________

Organization or Agency __________________________________________

Phone __________________________________________

1) What is your professional association with this student?
   - Court assigned counselor, officer, advocate, or other court staff working directly with student.
   - DSHS case worker or staff working directly with the student.
   - School district counselor, truancy/dropout specialist, teacher, or other district approved staff.
   - Community, public agency case manager or counselor.
     (Agency must offer services dedicated to helping youth (16-21 years old) make educational progress.)

2) Based on your association with this youth, do you believe it is likely that the student will earn a high school diploma before age 21?
   - Yes __________
   - No __________
   - Unsure __________

3) Based on your association with this student, do you recommend that this student be allowed to enroll in reengagement programming? In answering this question, please note that:
   a. This action will require the student to withdraw from traditional or alternative high school.
   b. This student may not be significantly deficient in credits required for high school graduation.

   - Yes, I recommend that this student be enrolled in reengagement programming for educational services. I understand that this student will be engaged in academic coursework but that acquisition of a high school diploma will not, necessarily be the primary measure of success.

   - No, I do not recommend that this student be enrolled in reengagement programming.

Please briefly indicate the reason for your recommendation:

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Signature of Professional Providing Recommendation __________________________ Date __________________________

For more information about the reengagement program to which the student has applied, please contact:

Lori Smith-Berry __________________________ Program Specialist __________________________ 425-564-2510

Career Education Options (CEO) __________________________ Title __________________________

Career Education Options (CEO) __________________________ Phone __________________________

Career Education Options (CEO) __________________________ Bellevue College

Career Education Options (CEO) __________________________ College/Agency operating the Reengagement Program

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