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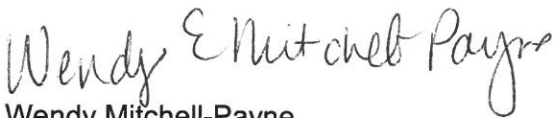
Dear Dr. Schmiesing,

It is with excitement and pride I am submitting this Deduct-Day request for March 30th and 31st. My son Jarrett Payne is an exceptional swimmer. By exceptional, I mean top five in the nation for his age. He was recognized last summer in *Sports Illustrated for Kids* for achieving a National Age Group Record, which means he was the fastest 12 year old 50 yard flyer EVER in the history of the United States. He is so gifted, he has again done something very rare. As an eighth grader, and 13 year old male, he has qualified for YMCA Nationals in six events (so far) plus relays. At this meet, held in Greensboro, NC March 30-April 4, he will be competing against the very best high school swimmers in the nation. Although he has already received national recognition through various swim publications, this meet will most likely be the springboard for future US Junior National Team training camp invitations, Olympic Trial goals, and beyond. Specifically, he will be making his first attempt at an Olympic Trial qualifying time at the conclusion of this meet. He has a very slim chance to earn a Trial Cut at age 13, but the experience alone will be beneficial to his future goals.

With knowledge of his qualification for this meet, I have not used my three personal days this school year. If granted this request I will need two additional days (March 30 & 31st), for a total of 5 days absent - two of which will be Deduct Days. Furthermore, I am confident my classroom will continue to run efficiently in my absence with Mrs. West in place.

Thank you for your support and consideration. I can be contacted at 937-658-4388 or Wendy.mitchell-payne@celinaschools.org with any additional questions.

Sincerely,



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