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To Shasta Union High School Board Trustees,

I am writing to introduce myself and to express my interest in the student board member position. My name is Riley Combs and I am a junior at Enterprise High School. I was approached by several of my teachers and encouraged to apply for this position, and I believe this experience would truly benefit me and my future aspirations.

I try to be as involved in my school as possible. I have taken multiple AP and honors classes as well as participated in several extracurriculars. Although my favorite subject is history, my goals for a well-rounded education have led me to challenge myself in multiple areas of academia. At Enterprise, I have been involved with CSF, Link Crew, the Trimathlon, and played volleyball for Enterprise in the past. I was also responsible for bringing Science Bowl back to Enterprise this year, where my team became Semi-Finalists. Outside of school, I have been involved with 4H for five years and have sold and showed 5 hogs. I have also served as my club's secretary for the past two years.

Aside from my classes and 4H, my biggest time commitment would have to be Yearbook. This is my third year in Yearbook and my first year as Editor in Chief. I am dedicated to my position because I truly believe the yearbook is an important aspect of high school. It is important to me to ensure our student body is well represented, and the events of the year are well documented for students to reflect upon in the future. Through Yearbook I have gained necessary leadership and communication skills. Joining the class was outside of my comfort zone as a quiet freshman, but since then I have become more vocal and involved in my community. Serving as a student board member will allow me to continue to represent my peers, and will further develop my leadership skills.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Riley Combs**



# Enterprise High School

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RE: Letter of Recommendation, Riley Combs

To the SUHSD School Board,

It is my honor to write this letter of recommendation for Riley Combs in your consideration of her candidacy as a student board member.

I have known Riley for all three years that she has been a student here at Enterprise High School. She joined my yearbook class as a freshman, where she quickly excelled at designing pages using our online program. Riley had her assigned pages completed on time for our deadlines. She quickly became a leader in the class, and was given more of a leadership role in Yearbook during her next year as a sophomore. As a sophomore, Riley was the Copy Editor, which made her responsible for proofreading all of the text in the yearbook for accuracy, spelling grammar, and formatting. This year as a junior she is the Editor-In-Chief. In this position, she oversees the entire yearbook; the theme, book layout, page design, staff assignments, and coverage. All of these roles require the ability to be organized, detail-oriented, methodical, meet due dates, and navigate the routines and responsibilities in managing other classmates in their roles.

In addition to Yearbook, Riley is involved with many other groups and activities both here at EHS and in her community. Here at Enterprise, Riley is a member of the Science Bowl Team, the EHS Tri-Mathalon Team, CSF, and in the second year of E-Crew. E-Crew is Enterprise's version of link crew, a club that welcomes new freshmen to high school by giving them an upperclassman mentor to make help their transition to high school easier. In addition to all this, she hopes to bring the Mock Trial competition back to Enterprise for her senior year. Also, Riley maintains a 4.5 GPA while taking multiple AP and Shasta college classes. On top of her school activities, Riley is a member of 4H, where she raises a pig for show at the fair. She has a helpful attitude and is always willing to lend a hand where needed. Her participation in all of these aspects of our school means that she could bring a well-rounded voice to the school board, and would be able to advocate and represent her student peers, teachers, and school.

Riley is a very driven and determined individual. She is an intelligent and creative student, and I expect her to continue to excel in college and beyond. I am sure she will go on to make our school and district proud, which is why I know she would be a great addition to the school board as a representative student member.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me through email at [ErJohnson@suhsd.net](mailto:ErJohnson@suhsd.net)

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Dear Shasta Union High School Board Trustees,

I have the distinct honor of writing to recommend Riley Combs for the position of Student School Board Member. I have had the privilege of teaching Riley in AP U.S. History during her junior year at Enterprise High School. I can confidently assert that she is an outstanding and responsible student who consistently exceeds expectations in every aspect of her life.

I have had the pleasure of observing Riley's remarkable growth and development throughout the course of her academic journey. She is one of the most motivated learners I have ever encountered and consistently demonstrates a deep understanding of the subject matter. Her keen analytical skills and ability to think critically allow her to approach complex problems with confidence and creativity. Moreover, Riley is always eager to expand her knowledge and regularly seeks additional resources and opportunities to enhance her understanding.

What truly sets Riley apart is her exceptional level of responsibility and commitment. She is not only punctual and reliable but also demonstrates a high level of integrity in everything she pursues. Riley takes ownership of her tasks and consistently delivers work of the highest quality. Her ability to prioritize and manage time effectively allows her to successfully balance her academic and extracurricular commitments, leading to exceptional outcomes.

Furthermore, Riley is an outstanding team player and a natural leader. She is adept at collaborating with peers, displaying excellent communication skills and a respectful demeanor. Her ability to listen attentively and empathize with others' perspectives fosters a positive and inclusive learning environment. Riley also demonstrates strong leadership qualities by taking initiative and guiding group discussions, inspiring classmates to achieve their best.

Outside of academics, Riley is actively involved in 4-H. She consistently exhibits strong dedication, perseverance, and a passion for making a positive impact within her community. Whether it is through volunteering, mentoring, or organizing events, Riley consistently goes above and beyond to contribute meaningfully.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly and enthusiastically recommend Riley for the position of Student School Board Member for the Shasta Union High School District. Her exceptional academic performance, responsible nature, and outstanding leadership qualities make her an exemplary candidate. I have no doubt that she will continue to excel and leave a lasting impact in this position.

I would welcome the opportunity to further discuss Riley's excellence if desired. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [amelcher@suhdsd.net](mailto:amelcher@suhdsd.net). Thank you for considering my recommendation, and I am confident that she will prove to be a valuable asset to the Shasta Union High School District.

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter in recommendation of Ms. Riley Combs as a student representative on the Board of Education. I have had the pleasure of knowing her since her sophomore year in my honors English class, and into my AP Language and Composition class, where she stood out in a particularly strong class of students. Riley is an intelligent, highly motivated, and inspirational individual who is well-rounded and dedicated to her studies and her future.

I had the pleasure of having Riley in my AP Language and Composition class; she has taken a subject in which she already excels and is reaching new heights in her ability to read analytically and express her thoughts in writing. Riley has a uniqueness about her character that she brings to the class discussions, allowing her classmates – and me – to see topics from a different perspective. Perhaps what is more refreshing is that although Ms. Combs could easily lead the discussion, she often prefers to listen, then offer her input after hearing other people's ideas. It is her fresh point of view, critical thinking abilities, work ethic, maturity, keen writing ability, and open-mindedness that make Riley such a pleasure to have as a student.

Riley is the rare true scholar. She is one of the few students who comes through school with the goal of learning for the sake of learning; thus, she takes her education quite seriously and surpasses her classmates in all aspects of academia. Perhaps what is most impressive is that although Riley excels in academics, she manages to find time to be the editor of the school's yearbook – a monumental task, which, as with everything else she pursues, she excels. In addition to her numerous AP and honors level classes, she is a leader in E-Crew, all while maintaining an exemplary grade point average. She is truly a model student and an inspiration to younger students here at Enterprise High School.

I cannot say enough positive things as to the character, intellect, and work ethic of Riley Combs. The Board would benefit by her mature demeanor and fresh perspective on subjects that affect student life. It is without hesitation that I write this letter for Riley. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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