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I am writing this letter so the wrestling community is fully aware of the terrible injustice that has occurred involving Corey Jantzen. I would also like to clear up any misconceptions surrounding this situation and let people know what steps were taken to avoid an issue with Corey's eligibility.

Sometime in early November, I contacted Joe Giani the Section XI wrestling chairman to ask him about the possibility of Corey entering open level wrestling tournaments and what effect this would have on his High School eligibility. Joe told me the proper way to deal with this was to go through my athletic director who should contact Ed Cinelli, the Executive Director for Section XI Athletics and Mr. Lloyd Mott, the Assistant Director for the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. Sometime around the end of November, I contacted Ken Kraft the director of the Midlands wrestling tournament held in Northwestern University and I asked him if Corey could compete this year. He was very receptive to the idea, but told me he would have to have written documentation stating that this would in no way effect his High School eligibility in NY. I then contacted Jim Cranmer the Shoreham Wading River Athletic Director and provided him with the press release about the Midlands tournament which fully explained that this was one of the top college and open level tournaments in the country. Jim contacted and personally spoke to Ed Cinelli, and Lloyd Mott. He informed them about Corey's desire to wrestle in the Midlands Tournament. According to Jim Cranmer, he had at least two conversations with Ed Cinelli, and two with Lloyd Mott over a period of about a week which, he describes as at length conversations, specifically about the eligibility issue concerning the competition at the Midlands. He then drafted the following letter that was sent to Ken Kraft at the Midlands.

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**James Cranmer  
Director of Physical Education/Health/Athletics**

November 30, 2006

Dear Mr. Kraft,

It has come to my attention that Corey Jantzen, a senior wrestler in our district, wishes to compete in the Midlands Wrestling Championships. The Shoreham-Wading Central School District will not be sponsoring Corey in any area for this competition. He cannot use a school uniform or equipment. He will not be provided with any monetary assistance. In the event of an injury Corey will not be covered by the school insurance policy. He is totally detached from the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District for your competition. Therefore I cannot approve or deny permission for Corey Jantzen to participate. It is a decision that can only be made by Corey and his parents.

I spoke with Mr. Edward Cinelli, the Executive Director for Section XI Athletics and Mr. Lloyd Mott, the Assistant Director for the New York State Public High School Athletic Association and they confirm with me that as long as Corey is acting as an independent he has the right to participate in your tournament if he wishes to and this will not have any effect on his high school eligibility in New York State. In addition Mr. Mott stated, "If Corey does well he cannot accept any prize that would have a value of over \$100.00.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

James Cranmer  
Director of Physical Education/Health/Athletics

This issue of Corey's eligibility was raised and this letter was drafted nearly a month before Corey competed at the Midlands tournament. At this time it would appear that, an issue already resolved, is being revisited. I am advised that Mr. Cinelli and Mr. Mott are claiming that they misunderstood Jim Cranmer's request and were unaware that college athletes competed at the Midlands. However the only information Jim had regarding the tournament specifically stated this. To remedy any mis-communication, and or mis-understanding between Lloyd Mott, Ed Cinelli and Jim Cranmer the State has declared Corey Jantzen ineligible. At this time our family attorney is attempting to resolve this matter, and right this wrong.

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