



October 8, 2015

Dear Metro League Hardship Committee,

I am writing to express my support of Tiki McCollum Jr. Tiki joined the Glencoe community in late August and made an immediate and positive impact. He did not shy away from the fact that he was in trouble academically and met with me to discuss his options. I worked with Tiki to develop a plan for improving his academic performance. He has been working to complete a credit recovery program. His attendance has been excellent since school started. His teachers frequently comment on what a hardworking young man he is.

Tiki has been a member of our football team, even though he is not eligible to compete in contests. He is a valuable team member during the practice week and is a vocal leader in the support of his teammates on Friday nights. He is using athletics as a positive support to his academic improvement.

This hardship is one step in a multiple step plan I have developed with Tiki. We are asking the Metro League to grant Tiki eligibility solely in the issue of Transfer without Change of Joint Residence. Tiki remains academically ineligible at this time. We will plan to apply for a Hardship with the OSAA but not before Tiki completes the recovery of several of his missing credits.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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