

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you regarding my daughter, Brenna N. Fisher, to request that the newly revised OSAA regulations pertaining to the need for 18.5 credit hours in order to play, be waived on her behalf. She currently has 18 credit hours, but has a schedule worked out, along with her counselor, to complete all necessary requirements to graduate in June, arghh...sorry, too soon for this momma. My daughter is a very bright, articulate, sweet, funny and loyal. She loved middle school and excelled. She was in the jazz band, on yearbook, played basketball, was on honor roll and received the Presidential Merit Award.

Coming into high school, there many different elements that began to influence her performance. She's tall and looks older then she is and has had to maneuver her way through the "Who am I" phase, we've all gone through.

Alongside that she was coping with my divorce, a single mom scenario, without fatherly involvement. I had previously owned the COFN, a local news publication and was part of the nursing staff for St. Charles Medical Center. However, I am currently on disability for a number of health issues such as MS, Crohn's, Fibromyalgia,etc..& Brenna's brother, Dawson, 14, was dx with T1D almost 3 1/2 yrs ago.

I write these things, to you, just as I tell my kiddoz, we might use our situation as an explanation as to why something's have to be as they are, however, we cannot use it as an excuse. Someone always has it worse.

I know that Bren's loved by her teachers and coaches. Frustration can be that shes capable of more, she SO is! So, there may be some hiccups along the way, but she's resilient & gets back up. She wants more than anything to go into the field of sports medicine and we're currently looking at a number of options where she can pursue that goal.

The bottom line is this....This is my daughters Senior year of high school. Besides graduating and the fun things that correspond with that throughout the year, if asked, the #1 thing that has kept her going and is SO important to her is the game of basketball. Her love for the game is palpable and her coaches would, or perhaps already have, expressed that same sentiment.

So, in conclusion, as her mom & honestly her biggest fan, I respectfully request that she be allowed to play, just as she has throughout middle and high school. This is her Senior year and I pray to be able to watch as MVHS basketball player, #25, runs out onto the court, alongside her peers, teammates, friends of the last 5-6 years. She deserves this moment.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

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