



South Albany High School

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Dear OSAA Hardship Committee:

I am writing this letter in support of Marilla Burling being allowed to participate in Volleyball at Monroe High School this year. Marilla had some major difficulties in high school related to bullying poor self-esteem. Due to this emotional turmoil she enrolled in a very difficult online high school and chose to discontinue athletics. Unfortunately, Marilla was not able to complete the required credits for OSAA eligibility. She has also recognized that athletics are a valuable part of her life and her social maturity.

From a counseling perspective, I believe that attending Monroe High School is in Marilla's best interest. Many of the factors that have affected her academic success have been out of her control and a change of location is a positive response to get a student back on academic track. I also believe that Marilla can get caught up on credits easily and that athletics will be a positive social interaction for her. I also believe that not allowing athletic participation will be a punitive response for actions that were mainly out of her control..

Sincerely,

Bryce Bennett
SAHS Counselor