

Monroe High School

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To the MVC Hardship Committee:

This letter is in regards to Marilla Burling and her athletic eligibility. Marilla is currently enrolled here at Monroe High School as a sophomore. Marilla transferred to Monroe from South Albany last summer, but is currently living with her aunt and uncle in our district.

Marilla did not have a positive experience while enrolled at South Albany High School as a freshman. While she performed well academically during her first semester there, she struggled socially. In response to her social struggles, her family made the decision to move her into an online school environment (through the Albany School District) call Albany Online during her second semester. Marilla was not academically successful in the online school environment where structure and assistance are limited. Her family felt that a small school environment (and a new start) would be best for Marilla and they enrolled her in our building this past summer while she lived with her aunt and uncle in our district. According to Marilla's mother, the family is planning to move to Monroe. They just recently sold their current home in Albany and are looking to relocate to our area.

Marilla has had great school year here at Monroe so far. She has integrated well into our building and has worked hard to succeed academically and socially. She is currently enrolled in a full schedule and is working to complete credit recovery courses. Marilla would like to participate in softball this spring (her first high school athletic endeavor) but is not eligible by the OSAA transfer rules or by the "on track to graduate" requirement (she entered the 2015-16 school year with only 3.31 credits earned as a freshmen). We believe it would be a great experience for Marilla to participate in softball and that this opportunity would continue to help her grow and develop as a young adult.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact me at the high school office should there be any questions or concerns regarding this situation.

Sincerely,



Bill Crowson
Principal/Athletic Director
Monroe High School