

December 23, 2012

Dear Dr. Tim Mills,

I write this letter as a concerned parent and resident within the Bellevue School District. The expectation is for Bellevue School District #405 to respond by enforcing Bellevue School Districts 405's Enrollment-Resident Student Policy # 4020.

The Policy clearly states the following:

**Exception for Cause at Parent/Guardian and Student Request**  
1. Transfers for exception for cause may be arranged at any time before or during the school year. Students may be allowed to attend a school in the District other than the school serving their attendance area when there exists a special hardship or detrimental condition of a financial, educational, safety or health nature affecting the student or the student's immediate family, provided the hardship or condition is likely to be significantly alleviated as a result of the transfer. A student may not transfer for the sole purpose of participating in interscholastic athletics. Transfers may also be requested if one of the following conditions exists:

There are many Bellevue residents within the district and in the wider community that are concerned about allegations of students transferring into Bellevue HS for the sole purpose of playing sports. The policy clearly states that this is not an acceptable reason to transfer schools. In some cases the students are experiencing more hardship with the demands of attending a school outside of their boundaries than if they stayed within their school district.

It is the understanding of several residents that a BHS football coach proactively recruited several players from his AAU basketball program to attend BHS to play football and or basketball. In addition, were assisted by the boosters to find or obtain housing. It is also alleged that the coaches of these sports clearly understood that these students are transferring into BHS to play a specific sport and have shown a bias towards these students. Giving them preferential treatment.

It is believed that these students have transferred for sports related reasons or were recruited for sports. The allegations include the students used a relative's address, or false address or used a subsidized rental just to fill out an application showing residence within Bellevue HS.

This list is not limited to the following students:

[REDACTED] False address, actually live in Kirkland  
[REDACTED] Moved in for football  
[REDACTED] -Recruited for football  
[REDACTED] Recruited  
[REDACTED] -Moved from Renton to Palm Springs to Bellevue for football  
[REDACTED] -Recruited  
[REDACTED] Recruited for football, living help  
[REDACTED] -Recruited  
[REDACTED] Played on AAU basketball team coached by BHS football  
coach - Transferred to play football and basketball  
[REDACTED] Using a relatives address, transferred to play basketball  
[REDACTED] - Moved for football, lives with relatives  
[REDACTED] -Lives with grandmother in Newport school boundaries, mother lives  
in Plateau, Enrolled to play basketball  
[REDACTED] lives with a coach  
[REDACTED] Lives in Sammamish boundary, enrolled to play basketball  
[REDACTED] Moved to play football  
[REDACTED] Recruited to play football  
[REDACTED] -Recruited for football  
[REDACTED] Recruited to play football, living with friends

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